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# Miss Madison’s future uncertain after sale

Team won’t race this year at Madison as focus on settling debt claims

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

With Miss Madison Inc.’s sale of two boats and the team’s assets in December for \$1.5 million, Mayor Bob Courtney said Friday the board of directors will be working through paying its debts over the next several months and then determine whether there’s a future for the legendary community-owned hydroplane that won its 12th national championship in 2024.

Last week, Courtney announced that Charlie Grooms, president of board since 2015, and four other board members were removed from their positions, creating a board of directors of which all are now appointed by the Mayor as required in Miss Madison Inc. bylaws. “Where we’re at now, we had to

separate the old members and Charlie from this board. There’s no boat to manage, and there are lots of mounting claims on the assets, and we have to figure who they belong to, and if there’s money left over we’re working towards preserving the legacy of Miss Madison.”

Miss Madison Inc. received \$1.5 million on Dec. 22 from BRW Racing, owned by Bruce Ratchford, founder and chief executive officer of Apollo Mechanical Contractors, based in Kennewick, Washington, for purchase of the team’s two hydroplanes — a 2007 hull and a 2018 hull, along with other team assets.

In January, it was reported at a Miss Madison Inc. board of directors meeting, after some claims and bills were paid, that \$1,308,333.31 remained from the sale against open outstanding claims totaling \$1,177,393.24.

However, Courtney said it’s going to take months to work through the debts of Miss Madison Inc. and determine if there will actually be any money left over. “We’re trying to put the pieces together and we should take our time in doing that. This is serious, and we’re doing this on behalf of the people of Madison who deserve a proper resolution to this.”

At the Jan. 28 board of directors meeting, Courtney asked to seek legal and financial advice before paying claims including \$554,306.67 that Grooms stated he is owed, much of that for two equity loans that were reportedly taken out on his home and business. In December, he was given two checks totaling \$31,398.24 for interest on his home equity loan.

Courtney requested a pause in paying Grooms and other claims until financial and legal advice is provided. “We want whoever is owed money to be paid money, and that includes Charlie Grooms,” Courtney said. “If he’s owed money, we want him to be paid, and we told him that. He just demanded to be paid now and would not recuse himself from the decision.”

Courtney is seeking documentation — proof that includes promissory notes and written loan agreements with Miss Madison Inc. — along with board of director minutes. “If Grooms did borrow money to fund Miss Madison, it was poorly documented as a Miss Madison Inc obligation nor approved by the board,” he said.

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# MCS utilizing data to develop academic growth, achievement

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

Madison Consolidated Schools has developed a focus on using data points to drive instruction and programming in developing academic growth and achievement, a plan that was detailed during an update on curriculum, instruction and assessment at Wednesday’s Madison school board meeting.

“We are in the infancy stages of the capabilities that we have in data driven decision making,” said Shaun Pennington, MCS grants and compliance specialist told the board.

This is the second consecutive year that data rosters have been used to track performance of each student. “We can use this information to guide instruction. We can use it in conversations with parents. Children don’t fall through the cracks this way so we can constantly see where to intervene, where we are doing well, and where we can address any proficiency issues that we have,” Pennington said.

He has looked at data with teachers to provide direction on how to use that information. “We just treat it as a conversation because I don’t know what they do or what they see with their children on a day-in, day-out basis. I come in as an unbiased party, saying here’s what I see based on the numbers, but what do you see, and then we can come up with plans together.”

Janet McCreary, MCS director of curriculum, instruction and assessment, said multi-tiered systems of support provide a framework that helps provide academic, behavioral and social-emotional support to students using the data and instruction to identify and meet student needs. She said triangulated data will be sought for each student to get a complete picture of the child. “We are looking for multiple data points. We don’t want just one data point to make a decision. We want to have at least three solid data points for each student.”

Pennington said that it’s important to “constantly be looking at how we can improve, and our work is never done. The work we have done the last two years has been a lot of hard work, but it’s necessary, and it’s a process that’s never going to cease as we’re consistently meeting the needs of our kids.”

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# Valentine’s Skate Party



Photos by Bob Demaree

Madison Parks and Recreation hosted a Valentine’s Day Skating Party on Friday at the Brown Gym. Pictured (from left) are Espie Trinidad, Malarie Boswell and Lucy Wilhelm.



The Valentine’s Day Skating Party at the Brown Gym brought people of all ages Friday.



More than 200 people showed up for the Madison Parks and Recreation Department’s Valentine’s Day Skating Party on Friday at the Brown Gym.

# Madison man dies in single vehicle crash on State Road 7

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

A Madison man died Sunday evening from injuries sustained in a single vehicle crash in the 3700 block of State Road 7 near Madison.

Gregory R. Thomas, 55, was the lone occupant of the vehicle that was traveling south on State

Road 7 when it left the highway, ran off the west side of the roadway, rolled over and collided with a utility pole near Bender Lumber north of Madison.

Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department officers arrived on the scene at approximately 7:46 p.m. Sunday, along with fire-

fighters and emergency medical services.


Emergency personnel on the scene attempted to provide medical care to Thomas but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

County Sheriff Ben Flint, who conducted the crash investigation along with Detective Ser-

geant Yancy Denning, said the cause of the crash is still being determined. “We are still looking at a few things,” he said.

The crash resulted in a power outage in the area that lasted about 10 hours with the road closed approximately the same length of time, Flint said.

Agencies assisting at the scene included Madison Police Department, Madison Fire Department, Madison Township Fire Department, Rykers Ridge Fire Department, Norton’s Kings’ Daughters’ Health EMS, Jefferson County Coroner Office and Duke Energy.



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David “Leroy” Perry, 85, of Hanover, entered this life on June 24, 1939, in Trimble County, KY. He was the loving son of the late Leslie Leroy “Bud” and Anna Rose Pyles Perry. He was raised in Trimble County and graduated from Trimble County High School in 1959. He was united in marriage on June 20, 1959, at the Carrollton Baptist Church to Virgie Ellen May. This happy union of 55 years was blessed with a son, Rick and a daughter, Gwen. He moved to Hanover in 1971, residing there the rest of his life. While in high school he worked on the family farm and for Hoffman Marathon Station. He began a welding career with Williamson



Heater in 1959, working there until 1964. In 1964, he began working for Rexnord/Chain Belt now U.S. Filter retiring after 37 years of service. He grew up in the Corn Creek Baptist Church and now enjoyed David Jeremiah Religious Programs. He was a great

David ‘Leroy’ Perry

DIY project person and was very mechanical and could fix anything. He loved nostalgic cars of the 1950’s and going to car shows. He liked watching NASCAR especially driver Dale Earnhardt. He enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas and going to the casino’s with family and friends. He especially enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Leroy died on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at 10:53 p.m., at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison. Leroy will be missed by his loving son, Rick D. Perry of Madison; his loving daughter, Gwen M. Perry of Hanover; his granddaughters, Samantha F. Perry-Spate and

her husband, Adam, Jacklyn L. Perry DeMoss, and her husband, Robert; his great grandchildren, Shayla F. Perry, Liana B. Perry, and Alexzander Wiley DeMoss; his sisters, Marilyn O’Day of Frankfort, KY, Carolyn Stevens and her husband, David of Frankfort, KY; his brother, Glenn Delbert Perry of Milton, KY; his brother-in-law, Don May and his wife, Sharon of Madison; his sister-in-law, Thelma Perry of Hanover; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Leslie Leroy “Bud” Perry, his mother, Anna Rose Pyles Perry; his beloved wife of 55 years, Virgie Ellen May Perry, died Jan. 25, 2014; and his brother,

Richard “Leon” Perry. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, at 3 p.m., by Pastor Caleb Brewster at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Interment will follow in the Moffett Cemetery in Milton, KY. Friends may visit Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover: Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

NEWS OF RECORD

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings**  
**February 13, 2025**  
Jessie Lee Broadus, 31, Austin, Indiana, to serve 167 days, concurrent, on a court ordered sentencing. No bond.  
Holly Celeste Hall, 42, Madison, for Fraud-Possession of a Device to Interfere with a Drug/Alcohol Test, a Class B misdemeanor, and on a 15-day hold. No bond.  
Christopher Robert Shaw, 43, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$5,000 cash.  
**February 14, 2025**  
William Joseph Franklin Murphree, 21, Commiskey, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession o a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies, Bond \$1,000 cash.  
Chi Thi Trinh, 51, Jeffersonville, on a Jefferson County bench warrant for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash.  
Dora William Wyskocil, 50, Hanover, to hold on a parole violation warrant for Marion County, Indiana. No bond.  
Gary Allen Youngblood, 55, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$500 cash.

**February 15, 2025**  
Crystal Rene Robbins, 53, Madison, to hold on a Jackson County, Indiana felony arrest warrant. No bond.  
Brian Kent Updegraff, 66, Madison, on a Jefferson County felony arrest warrant for failure to appear (marijuana and maintaining common nuisance charges). Bond \$5,000 cash.  
**February 16, 2025**  
Luis Jadriel Melendez-Collazo, 19, for Criminal Confinement, a Level 3 felony; Criminal Recklessness and Communication-Intimidation, both Level 5 felonies; Pointing a Firearm and Neglect of a Dependent, both Level 6 felonies; and Minor in Possession of Alcohol, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.  
Leroy E. Newman, 60, Madison, to serve 10 days, consecutive; and serve 8 days concurrent, on a weekend sentencing. No bond.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings**  
**February 13, 2025**  
Wilmer Leroy Lane, 52, Laurel, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony, all suspended, consecutive to 56 days jail on the misdemeanor, served, and placed on 545 days supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.  
Ruben Taxtho Hilario, 21, Hanover, to an amended  
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David William “Dave” Thomas, 37, former Sheriff of Jefferson County, and a devoted public servant whose career in law enforcement spanned more than four decades, passed away on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY. Born on May 19, 1957, in Louisville,, Dave was the son of the late William Ronald Thomas and Nancy J. Waldbellar Thomas. He graduated from Jesse Stewart High School before later earning a master’s degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Dave’s career in law enforcement began in his hometown as a cadet with the Jefferson County Police Department in KY. It was there that he not only gained invaluable experience but also met his future wife, Vickie Marie Ashby. The



two were married on Oct. 28, 1978, at Bethany Baptist Church in Louisville, beginning a partnership that would span decades. His dedication to public safety led him to the Indiana State Police, where he served for 20 years. Starting as a road trooper assigned to the Indianapolis and Sellersburg posts, he quickly advanced into intelligence and special

investigations, rising to the rank of First Sergeant. In this role, he supervised personnel, managed departmental budgets, and contributed his expertise as a member of the State Police dive team. After retiring from the State Police, Dave turned his focus to education and campus safety, becoming the Director of Safety and Security at Hanover College. For 11 years, he worked to develop emergency response plans and ensure the well-being of students and faculty. Dave’s dedication to law enforcement never wavered, and he returned to active duty with the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, where he served for 12 years, including eight as Chief Deputy. His leadership and experience ultimately led him to be elected Sheriff

of Jefferson County, where he remained committed to justice, community service, and public safety. Beyond his professional career, Dave was a passionate educator, serving as an instructor at Ivy Tech and mentoring future public safety professionals. He was a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Stacks of Power Lodge No. 128 and the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association. In his free time, he found joy in cooking and, most of all, spending time with his family. Dave is survived by his loving wife, Vickie Marie Ashby Thomas of Madison; his son, Adam William Thomas, and his wife Sylvia of Columbus; his daughters, Nicole Edwards of Elizabethtown, KY, and Stephanie Bear of Madison; his grandchildren, Kaylee, Brooklynn, Lana, Harlan,

Oliver, Tyson, Karyssa and Jackson; his brothers Darrin Thomas and his wife, Ann and Daniel Thomas, all from Louisville. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Tara Lamb. A memorial service conducted by the Fraternal Order of Police, Stacks of Power Lodge No. 128 on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive, Madison. Friends may call on Wednesday from 5 p.m. until the time of service. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude’s Kosair Charities. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

Robert ‘Rob’ Earl Murphy

Robert “Rob” Earl Murphy, 89, of Columbus, entered this life on Feb. 18, 1935, in Seymour. He was the loving son of the late Charles Amil and Verna Louise Keller Murphy. Rob died on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025, at 2:24 p.m., at the Our Hospice of South Central Indiana in Columbus, with his loving family at his side. Rob will be missed by his loving wife, Shirley Kay Campbell Orman Murphy of Columbus; his loving daughters, Lisa Garland and her husband, Roger of Vevay, Susan Murphy of Columbus, Andrea Titus of

Columbus; his loving son, Michael Murphy and his wife, Stacey of Columbus; his granddaughters, Diana Edlin and her husband, Chris, Beth Dunn and her fiancée, Kyle Lane, Deborah Garland, Hannah Knobbe and her husband, Nick, Lindsey Murphy, Abigail Titus, Emily Titus; his grandsons, Daniel Garland and his wife, Abby, Alexander Garland, Andrew Garland, Andrew Murphy; his great-grandchildren, Ebenezer Edlin, Evelyn Edlin, Victoria Edlin, Liam Dunn, and Beau Dunn; his stepsons, Richard Douglas

Orman of Florida, Randal Dean Orman of Florida; his step-grandchildren, Reagan Crane and her husband, Nolan and Gwen Goins and her husband, Michael; his step-great-grandchildren, Justin Crane, Carter Crane, Kehgan Goins and Russell Goins; his sister, Kathryn Barnthouse of Seymour; his brothers, Richard Murphy of Seymour, Roy K. Murphy of Seymour, Harold Murphy of Seymour; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Amil Murphy, his mother, Verna

Louise Keller Murphy; his first wife, Janet Maone Deputy Murphy, died May 23, 1994; his brothers, Frank Allen Murphy, James Murphy; his sister, Lindia Brock; and his great-grandson, Jeremiah Edlin. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Ron Looney at the Faith Lutheran Church, 6000 Indiana State Highway 46 Columbus. Interment will follow in the Garland Brook Cemetery, 501 North Gladstone Avenue in Columbus. Friends may visit

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Faith Lutheran Church. A final salute with military honors will be conducted by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the East Columbus United Methodist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover; or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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WEATHER

**Sunrise:** 7:26 a.m.  
**Sunset:** 6:24 p.m.  
**Temperature:** High 25, Low 14, Mean 19.5, Deficit 19.8  
**Precipitation since last published:** 3.27  
**Precipitation, February 2025:** 4.77  
**Precipitation, 2025:** 7.51  
**Barometer:** 30.26, Steady  
**River Level at Clifty Creek:** 449.60, Falling  
**Forecast:** Wednesday: Cloudy High 25/Low 10; Thursday: Partly sunny High 23/Low 10; Friday: Mostly sunny High 32/ Low 16; Saturday: Partly cloudy High 38/Low 21.

LOTTERY

**INDIANA**  
**Hoosier Lotto:** 2-19-23-30-35-41 (2/15). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$40.7 million. Next Drawing (2/17).  
**Cash Five:** 1-7-31-39-40 (2/16)  
**Cash 4 Life:** 4-22-24-39-46 CB: 2 (2/16)  
**KENTUCKY**  
**Cash Ball:** 11-29-31-35 CB 21 (2/16)  
**Lucky For Life:** 3-15-16-19-32 LB: 3 (2/16)

**POWERBALL:** 3-16-45-54-56 PB: 12, PP 2 (2/15). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$183 million. Next Drawing (2/17)  
**POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY:** 12-18-43-58-61 PB: 19 (2/15). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (2/17)  
**MEGAMILLIONS**  
**11-19-31-49-56 MB:** 16, MP 3 (2/14). Next Jackpot: \$145 million. Next Drawing (2/18)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to [zelda@madisoncourier.com](mailto:zelda@madisoncourier.com) or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

**FEB. 19**  
Linda Trapp - 60

**FEB. 20**  
Tanya Burdette  
Karen Wright

**FEB. 21**  
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**FEB. 22**  
Bernie Corbin

**FEB. 23**  
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Kristen Mundt  
Carla Goins

**FEB. 24**  
Jackie Nale  
Kealey White

**FEB. 25**  
Mary Beth Boone  
Shawntale Tingle

**FEB. 26**  
Wade Brent

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**OBITUARIES**

**Tami Gail Tingle Adamski**



Tami Gail Tingle Adamski, 62, of Madison, formerly of Milton, KY, entered this life on July 9, 1962, in Madison. She was the loving daughter of the late R.C. and Orena Perkinson Tingle. She was raised in Trimble County residing there most of her life. She graduated from Trimble County High School then attended Beauty School. She was first united in marriage to James Franklin Barnes and this union was blessed with one daughter, Kelsi Lanae. She worked for a time as a beautician with the Cutting Edge Salon and the Hair Studio in Carrollton, KY.

In July 1991, she was united in marriage to Donald Adamski Jr. This union of 32 years

was blessed with a son, Cameron. She worked for Belterra Casino and Resort in Vevay, from 2000-08 as an auditor. She retired from Trimble County School System where she had worked as a classroom assistant from 2008-16. She was a member of the Providence Baptist Church in Providence, KY, and enjoyed her group of gals that met

for Bunco. She loved to cook, play on her computer, going to the beach, an avid U of L fan, and being with her grandkids.

Tami died on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, at 10:32 p.m., at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison.

Tami will be missed by her loving son, Cameron Adamski and his wife, Brooke of Henryville; her grandchildren, Quinci, Katie, Maddie, and Hudson; her sister, Vivian Consley and her husband, Vern of Bedford, KY; her brother, Dale Tingle and his wife, Nancy of Madison; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, R.C. "Sneak" Tingle, her mother, Orena Perkinson

Tingle; her daughter, Kelsi Lanae Barnes; and her brothers, Ronald Tingle and Donnie Tingle.

Memorial services will be conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Interment will follow at a later date in the Bedford Cemetery in Bedford, KY. Friends may visit Tuesday from 4-7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Michael Alan 'Mike' Cull**

Michael Alan "Mike" Cull, 63, of Milton, KY, entered this life on June 28, 1961, in Madison. He was the loving son of the late Emmett and Wanda Perkins Cull.

He fought a year long battle with cancer and passed away on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at 7:26 p.m., at his home in Milton, KY, with his loving family at his side.

Mike will be missed by his loving wife of 41 years, Paula B. Mahoney Cull of Milton, KY; his loving daughters, Cari Stewart and her husband, Josh of Milton, KY, Kayla Ljulduraj and her husband, Julian of Milton, KY; his grandchildren, Jayden South, Trey Reffett, and Bella Stewart; his stepsister, Shannon Stewart of Bowling Green, KY; his brother-in-law, Barry Mahoney of LaGrange, KY; and other relatives.

He was preceded

in death by his father, Emmett Cull; his mother, Wanda Perkins Cull Boldery; his stepdad, Melvin Boldery; his brother, David Cull; and his sister, Tina Cull.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., by Bro. Aaron Snelling at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Friends may visit Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, from 5-8 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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**Patricia Lea Enloe Boone**



Patricia Lea Enloe Boone, 69, of Madison, entered this life July 25, 1955, in Anaheim, CA. She was the loving daughter of the late Jimmy and Ruth McDole Enloe.

She attended Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead, CA, and graduated in 1973, from Rio Linda High School in Sacramento, CA. She grew up in California, and was particularly fond of the Lake Arrowhead area, and she moved to the Madison, community in 2018. Patricia worked as a Data entry clerk for several years. She was of Catholic faith. She enjoyed crocheting, was a first chair flutist, a fencing

champion, and played the 12 string guitar.

Patricia died on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, at 6:45 p.m., at the Water's of Clifty Falls in Madison.

Patricia will be missed by her loving daughter, Tabitha Tolbert-Marsh and her husband, Justin of Deputy; her

loving son, Jim Perry and his wife, Luci of New Albany; her sister, Kathleen Enloe Rubio of Madison; her granddaughters, Raye Tackett and her husband, Evan of New Albany, Madagan Perry of New Albany; her grandsons, Towner Perry of New Albany, Donald Allen Short IV and his wife, Emily of Deputy, Jeremiah Bryan Short of Deputy; her great-granddaughter, Lydia Rosette Koerner of Vevay; her cousin, Marianne Lesea of Madison; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Jimmy Enloe; her mother, Ruth McDole

Enloe; her nephew, Chad Rubio; and her brother-in-law, Ron Rubio.

Memorial services were conducted on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, at 2 p.m., by the Rev. Kirstin Springmeyer at the Christ Episcopal Church, 506 Mulberry Street in downtown Madison. The reception followed the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Judy Elijah (Burns) Denton**

Judy Elijah (Burns) Denton, 73, departed this world on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2025.

Judy is survived by her children and grandchildren, Lisa Ranae Greene of Berea, KY, (husband, J. B and granddaughter, Shelby Elizabeth Greene) and Sarah Brooke Goins, of Hanover, (two grandsons, Christian Michael Trey Lauderbaugh and Bryan Lee James). She is also

survived by her siblings, Carol Burns of Columbus, Tracy Baker of Columbus, Alice Sellers of Espanola, New Mexico, Kenda Marsh of Madison, Betsie Chilton of Hanover, Mark Young of Brownsburg, Nikki Moore of Madison, Heather Young of Jeffersonville, and Greta Young of Clarksville; as well as several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Sisters, Carol Burns

and Tracy Baker both of Columbus, took special care to watch over Judy through injury and illness over the past two years, going above and beyond. Their watchful eyes made sure she was well-cared for and had everything she needed, as well as spoiling her with little surprises as much as possible for her to enjoy.

Judy was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Alice (Burns)

Young and father, Leman Cecil Burns.

A celebration of life gathering for family will be held later in March. She will be remembered and missed greatly. Donations can be made in memory of Judy to the Madison Animal Shelter or any animal shelter of your choice.

Condolences and special memories may be sent to the family at [barkesweaverglick.com](mailto:barkesweaverglick.com).

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Erma Jean Callis, 92**, of Clarksville, IN, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Baptist Floyd County Hospital in New Albany, IN. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 21, at Bedford Cemetery in Bedford KY. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford, [www.ransdellfuneral.com](http://www.ransdellfuneral.com).

**Anna K. Johnson, 71**, of Madison, IN, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Gary David Lawson, 82**, of Hollister, FL, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, FL. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment with full military rites conducted by the Honor Guard of the Vevay American Legion

Post 185 and the Vevay VFW Post 5396 at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Madison, IN, [www.haskell-landmorrison.com](http://www.haskell-landmorrison.com).

**Jeffrey David "Shotgun Willie" Padgett, 60**, of Avon, IN, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2025. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment to follow in the Vevay Cemetery there, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com).

**Alyssa Lynn Pike, 33**, of Cannelton, IN, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025, at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Maria Mendoza Gonzalez Ramirez, 52**, of Carrollton, KY, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2025 at Baptist Health La Grange Hospital in La Grange, KY. Funeral service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service,

Vail Chapel, in Madison, IN, [www.lytlewelty.com](http://www.lytlewelty.com).

**Brandon James Rassman, 31**, of Lexington, KY, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, [www.grahamdunnfh.com](http://www.grahamdunnfh.com).

**Jackie Lynn Maiden Renfro, 63**, Owenton, KY and formerly of Carrollton, Ky, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Carrollton United Methodist Church in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, [www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com).

**Crystal Stephens, 68**, of Madison, IN, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN,

[www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Omer Curtis Upchurch, 72**, of Canaan, IN, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, at his home. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Funeral service was Monday, Feb. 17 at Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, IN, with burial in the Salem Cemetery at Cross Plains, IN, with graveside military honors by the Versailles American Legion Post 173, [www.skfuneralhome.com](http://www.skfuneralhome.com).

**Ernest Jeffrey "Jeff" Waggoner, 73**, of Madison, IN, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2025. There will be no services at this time. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, [www.lytlewelty.com](http://www.lytlewelty.com).

**Terry Joe Wright, 44**, New Castle, KY, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, in Louisville after battling ALS for four years. Funeral service will be at 6 p.m. on Feb. 28, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, [www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com).

**SANDRA "SANDY" S. HORTON**



On February 2, 2025, Sandra "Sandy" Horton, 83, of Madison, Indiana, passed away peacefully after a losing battle with Alzheimer's at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison. Her sons and daughter-in-law were with her.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, William Elmer Henry and Ulla Etness Henry (Akers); her son, Eric W. Horton; her brothers, William Elmer Jr., Don Edward, Charles Joseph, and Russell David; and her sisters, Virginia L. Wise, Dorothy M. Dean, Shirley J. Patton (Hammonds) and Lois L. Simpson (Warren).

Sandy is survived by her sons, Charles S. Horton Jr (Jenna) and Carter L. Horton of Madison; her sister, Jeanetta M. Webb of North Vernon; and many nieces and nephews.

Sandy grew up in North Vernon, then moved to Madison, and raised her three boys there. She was a loving and attentive mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt and mother-in-law. As the youngest daughter of her large family, with several older sisters and brothers and with all of their children, the Henry family reunions were big, fun and awesome. Sandy's family (with six living generations) was even featured on the 80's reality TV show "That's Incredible!"

Sandy was an energetic, honest and loyal worker. Her work ethic often found her promoted to management in all the jobs she had in Madison. After her teenage son committed suicide, she moved to Indianapolis where she was drawn to help those with mental health issues. She found her calling at Central State Hospital where she quickly became a Certified Medical Assistant. She loved taking care of those in need at Central until its closure in 1994. Sandy wanted to continue helping others and became a Nursing Assistant at Wishard Memorial Hospital until 2001. At the end of her working career and during her retirement, Sandy continued her support of others by working for two Elder Care services. She was a caregiver for elderly clients, and had lasting, close relationships with her many friends and neighbors. Sandy's big heart extended to several happy cats and dogs over the years, and too short a time ago she enjoyed walking her dogs, Tuffy and Zadie, around the friendly Speedway neighborhood where she lived for 30+ years.

Though Sandy did not graduate High School, she was passionate about continuing her education in her adult years. She obtained her GED after her kids were grown and took college classes in Indianapolis. She most enjoyed American history, poetry, art and business classes. Later, she tried to start her own vending machine business, but was unsuccessful mostly due to very high physical demands, and all the good places for her vending machines were already taken. Nevertheless, she believed in herself and studied hard to become a successful certified Handwriting Analyst (Graphoanalysis; read about it at [igas.com](http://igas.com)) and was very popular at social gatherings and with family and friends curious about her handwriting analysis skills.

She is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

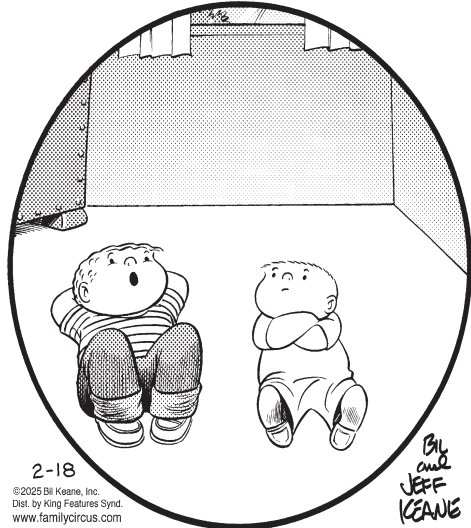
Sandy's family wishes to give a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful attending doctor, the nurses, aides, and staff (and her many resident friends of the 2nd floor) of the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison and Our Hospice of South Central Indiana's nurses and aides.

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By Bil Keane




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"When you see a dot on the ceiling that wasn't there before, then that's a fly."

BIL AND JEFF KEANE

DENNIS THE MENACE

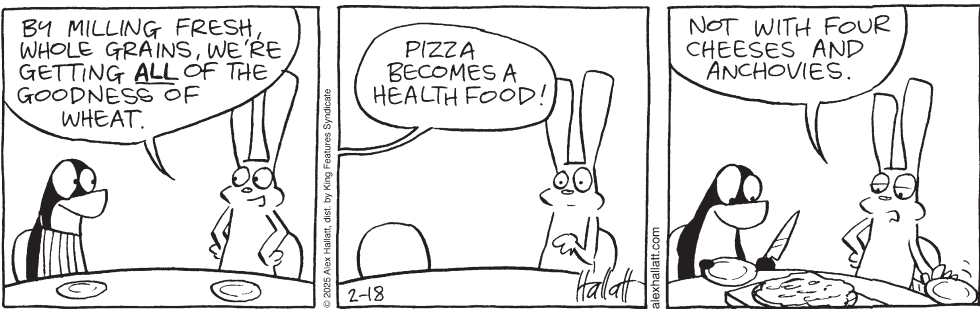


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"LET'S EAT AT SOMEPLACE FANCY AN' COOL! LIKE A PLACE THAT SELLS TOYS!"

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BY MILLING FRESH, WHOLE GRAINS, WE'RE GETTING ALL OF THE GOODNESS OF WHEAT.

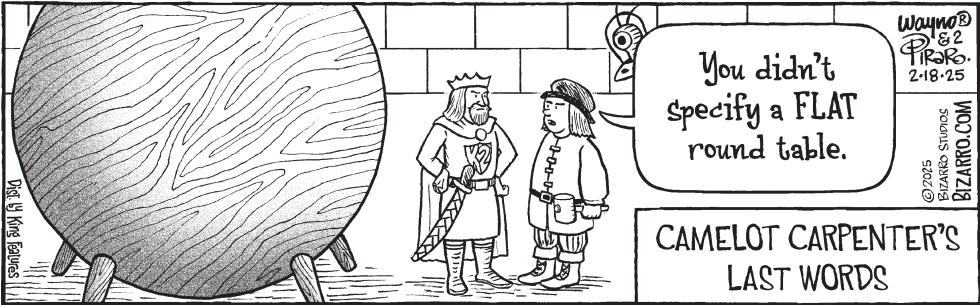
PIZZA BECOMES A HEALTH FOOD!

NOT WITH FOUR CHEESES AND ANCHOVIES.

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You didn't specify a FLAT round table.

CAMELOT CARPENTER'S LAST WORDS

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I WANT YOU GUYS TO GO TEN EXTRA MILES TODAY

THAT'S A LOT TO ASK

HOW ABOUT AN EXTRA FOOT?

GREG + MORT WALKER

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



THE SHELF

It's hard to leave such an abundance of Kibble.

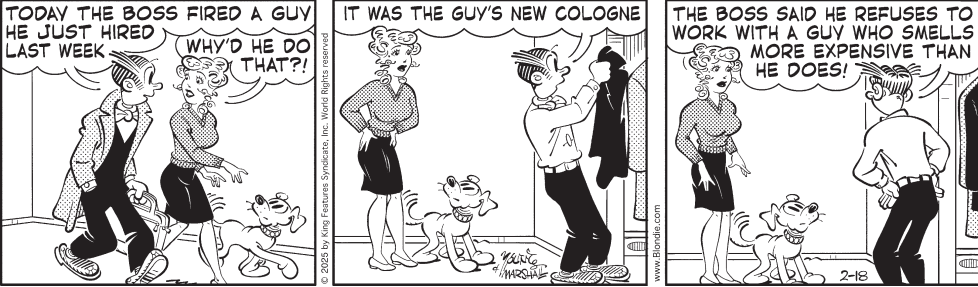
Cat Toys

WHERE WE LIVE SHOULDN'T DEFINE US.

I WISH I COULD AGREE WITH YOU.

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BLONDIE



TODAY THE BOSS FIRED A GUY HE JUST HIRED

WHY'D HE DO THAT?!

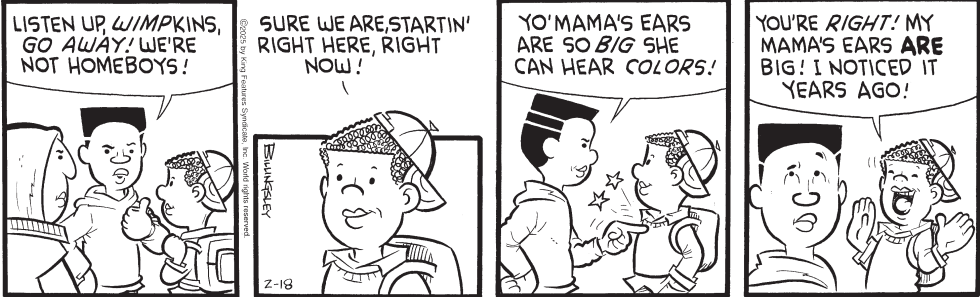
IT WAS THE GUY'S NEW COLOGNE

THE BOSS SAID HE REFUSES TO WORK WITH A GUY WHO SMELLS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN HE DOES!

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CURTIS



LISTEN UP, WIMPY KINS, GO AWAY! WE'RE NOT HOMEBOYS!

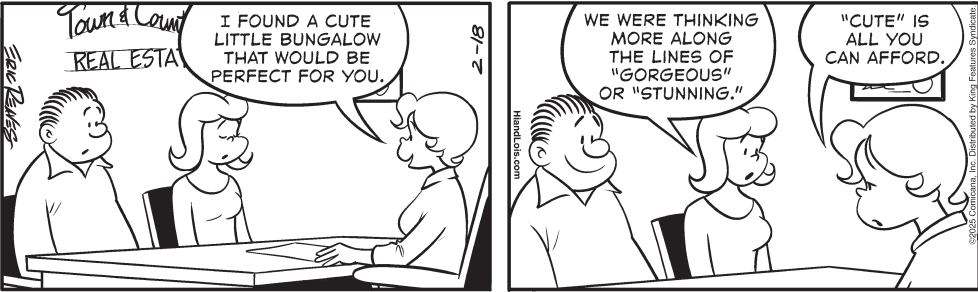
SURE WE ARE, STARTIN' RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!

YO' MAMA'S EARS ARE SO BIG SHE CAN HEAR COLORS!

YOU'RE RIGHT! MY MAMA'S EARS ARE BIG! I NOTICED IT YEARS AGO!

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HI & LOIS



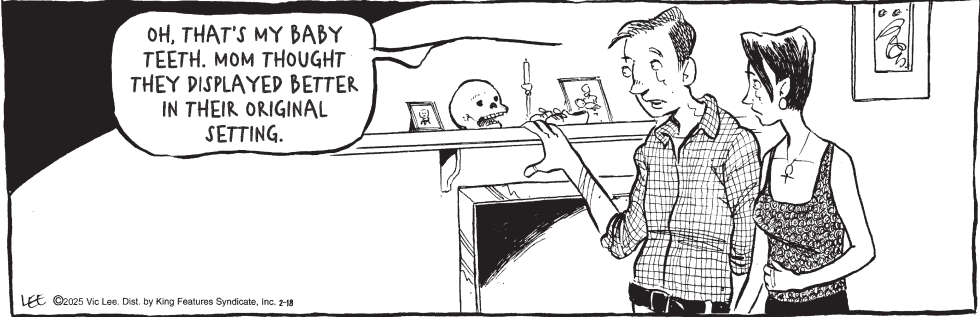
I FOUND A CUTE LITTLE BUNGALOW THAT WOULD BE PERFECT FOR YOU.

WE WERE THINKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF "GORGEOUS" OR "STUNNING."

"CUTE" IS ALL YOU CAN AFFORD.

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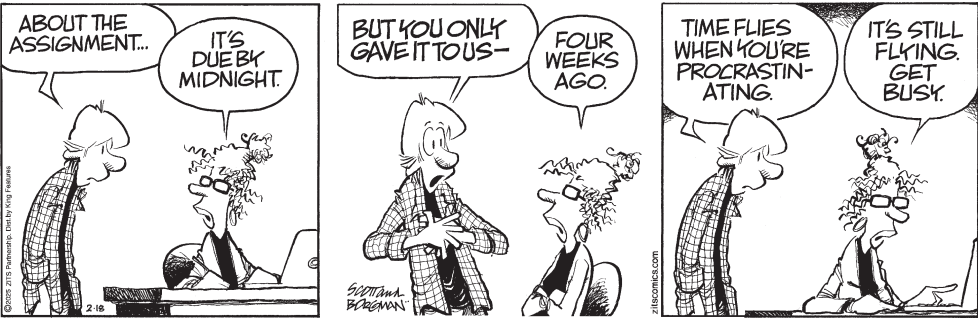
PARDON MY PLANET



OH, THAT'S MY BABY TEETH. MOM THOUGHT THEY DISPLAYED BETTER IN THEIR ORIGINAL SETTING.

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ZITS



ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT...

IT'S DUE BY MIDNIGHT.

BUT YOU ONLY GAVE IT TO US—

FOUR WEEKS AGO.

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE PROCRASTINATING.

IT'S STILL FLYING. GET BUSY.

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DUMPLINGS



SO YOU HAVE TO WRITE ABOUT A PRESIDENTIAL PET?

YEP.

YOU SHOULD WRITE ABOUT SOCKS.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THAT IS...

BUT A PET NAMED AFTER SOMETHING OLD, SMELLY AND ALWAYS UNDERFOOT...

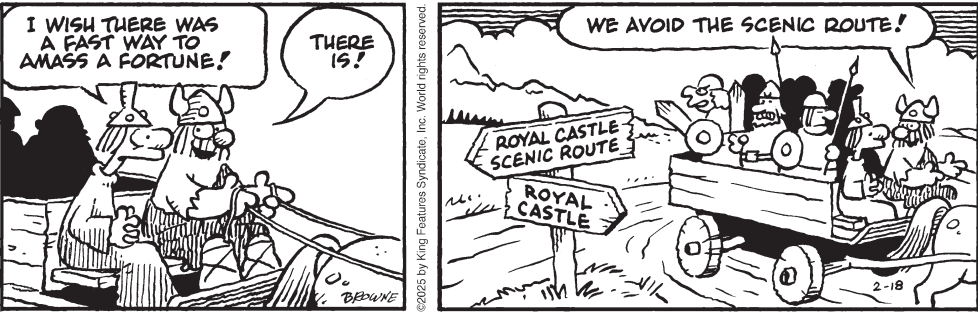
I'M GUESSING IT WAS A CAT.

HEY!

YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

VAN ACKER

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



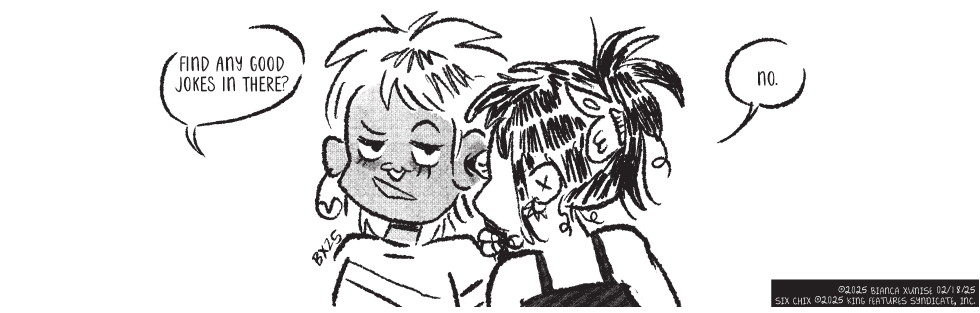
I WISH THERE WAS A FAST WAY TO AMASS A FORTUNE!

THERE IS!

WE AVOID THE SCENIC ROUTE!

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SIX CHIX

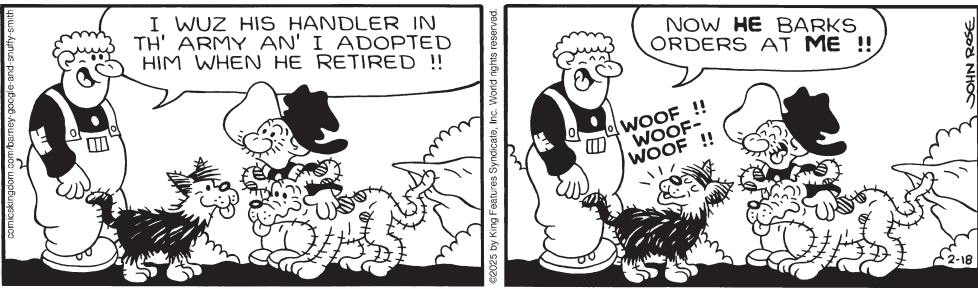


FIND ANY GOOD JOKES IN THERE?

NO.

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



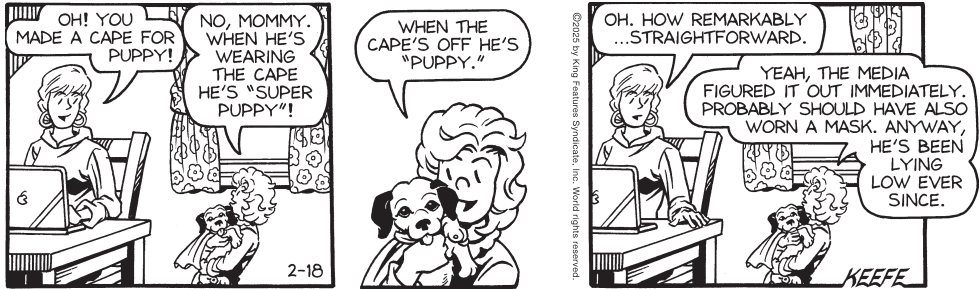
I WUZ HIS HANDLER IN TH' ARMY AN' I ADOPTED HIM WHEN HE RETIRED !!

NOW HE BARKS ORDERS AT ME !!

WOOF !! WOOF-WOOF !!

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SALLY FORTH



OH! YOU MADE A CAPE FOR PUPPY!

NO, MOMMY. WHEN HE'S WEARING THE CAPE HE'S "SUPER PUPPY!"

WHEN THE CAPE'S OFF HE'S "PUPPY."

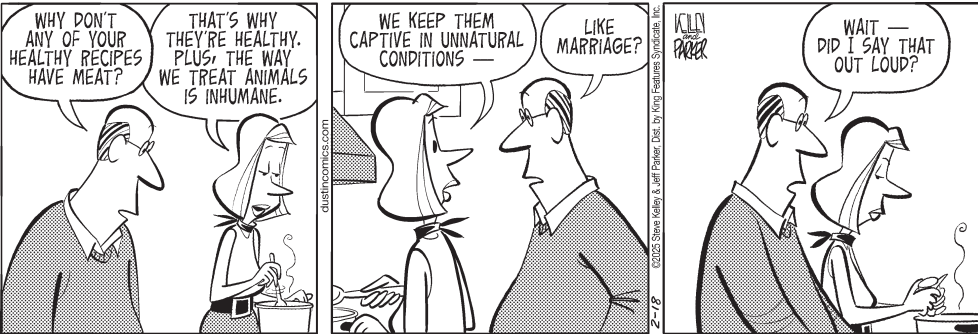
OH. HOW REMARKABLY... STRAIGHTFORWARD.

YEAH, THE MEDIA FIGURED IT OUT IMMEDIATELY. PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE ALSO WORN A MASK. ANYWAY, HE'S BEEN LYING LOW EVER SINCE.

KEEFE

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DUSTIN



WHY DON'T ANY OF YOUR HEALTHY RECIPES HAVE MEAT?

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE HEALTHY. PLUS, THE WAY WE TREAT ANIMALS IS INHUMANE.

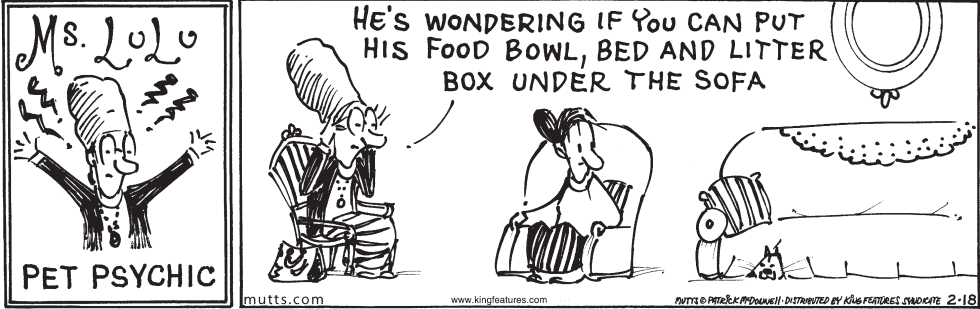
WE KEEP THEM CAPTIVE IN UNNATURAL CONDITIONS —

LIKE MARRIAGE?

WAIT — DID I SAY THAT OUT LOUD?

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MUTTS



Ms. Lolo

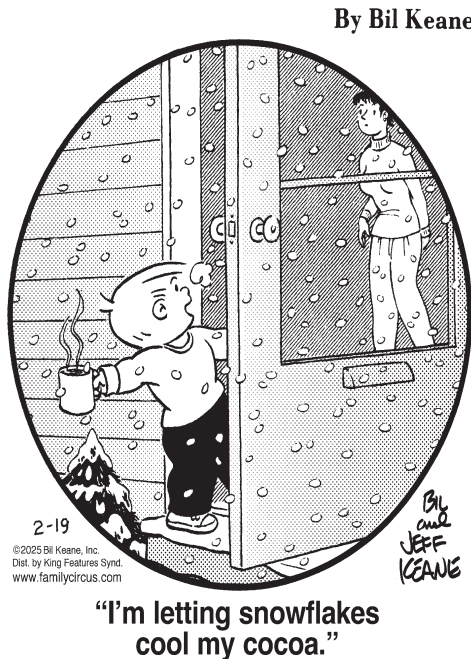
PET PSYCHIC

HE'S WONDERING IF YOU CAN PUT HIS FOOD BOWL, BED AND LITTER BOX UNDER THE SOFA

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# Rockport report shows 6% increase in 2023 tourism spending

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Tourism continues to be strong for Jefferson County’s economy, proving its resilience and upward trajectory year after year, according to the newest data released by Rockport Analytics.

Visit Madison Inc. (VMI) played a key role in facil-

itating another increase in visitor spending, which reached \$63.7 million in 2023, up 6% from 2022.

“Tourism isn’t just about welcoming visitors, it’s about sustaining the community we call home,” said Andrew Forrester, VMI executive director. “Tourism supports jobs in our

restaurants, hotels, guest houses, retail establishments and more; as well as supporting state and local taxes that fund our infrastructure and schools. Furthermore, tourism’s steady growth underscores its role as a cornerstone of the local job market.”

The Rockport Analytics

report listed the following tourism impact:

- In 2023, Jefferson County Direct Tourism Industry GDP was \$21.4 million, and supported 691 jobs which makes it the 5th largest non-government industry in Jefferson County.
- Tourism generated

\$10.4 million in total taxes in 2023, which means that if tourism did not exist in Jefferson County, each of the 12,699 households would have to pay an additional \$540 per year in taxes to maintain current levels of state and local government services.

- State and local tax rev-

enue collected from tourism in Jefferson County was sufficient to fund 538 public school students and 128 Indiana public school teachers.

The report also shows the statewide impact of tourism as follows:

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He gave credit to the teachers for their willingness to adapt and use data points to drive instruction and programming. “It’s been a lot of change for them” with the biggest shift happening over the last six months. “Data and numbers can be threatening to people” but

teachers are now reaching out to him, and they’re now saying, “I need more numbers. I need more data. I need to be able to help my children.”

Pennington expressed appreciation to the teachers for believing in “what we’re trying to achieve as a district. They have very difficult jobs and I would be remiss if I didn’t say thank you to them.”

School Board President John Wallace commended McCreary

and Pennington for “leading the charge” in developing collaboration in the school district to help students succeed. “It’s showing everybody is pulling in the same direction. I think that’s what’s making a huge difference ... the fact that we’re all moving together is really showing and paying huge dividends.”

**IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD**

- Approved a lawn service

agreement with Green Thumb Lawn Service for \$65,280 for 24 weeks of lawn service, fire protection services and monitoring with Superior Fire and Security for \$25,590 per year, a filter service agreement with Filter Services of Indiana for \$6,799.27 annually, and an agreement for six lawn care applications on sports fields and non-sports areas with Enviroscape for \$20,194.70.

- Agreed to purchase

100 internet hot spots from CDW-G and Kajeet using federal eRate money that pays for 80% of the hotspot device and 80% of the internet provider’s fees. Total cost is \$22,360 but with the eRate funding the cost to the school corporation is \$4,472.

- Heard a report on Rykers’ Ridge Elementary School from principal Kenton Mahoney, teacher Erin Thomas and literacy coach Amanda Laufer.

## FUTURE

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Courtney said the decision to remove Grooms and board members Jeff Kernen, Bob Kirkpatrick, John Knoebel and Dave Taylor came after the tumultuous Jan. 28 board meeting over whether to pay the money to Grooms and the structure of the board in which members were not appointed by the current administration in spite of bylaws that require they be appointed by the Mayor.

Although the board members were removed, Courtney said they are “good men,” adding “I really, really regretted having to remove them but we felt like that was the only way to move forward in resolving all of these questions about its financial condition and the contractual obligations. If the board did one thing well, they won national championships but they did it at the expense of prudent governance and financial management. They entered into contracts that were unsustainable the obligations for them.”

There was “also a lot of conflict within the board that I had to eliminate so the remaining board members could do the work on behalf of the corporation,” he said.

made a movie about her (“Madison” starring Jim Caviezel in 2001). It is the heritage of Miss Madison for the community. Those roots are deep and everybody has strong ties to the Miss Madison story.”

The articles that incorporated Miss Madison Inc. as an Indiana not-for-profit corporation were signed in the office of Mayor Donald Vaughn on Jan. 23, 1970, then approved and filed by Indiana Secretary of State William Salin on Feb. 4, 1970. The incorporation document states the purpose of Miss Madison was set forth to “manage, equip, maintain and race the Miss Madison, an unlimited hydroplane boat, and thereby to publicize and promote the interest of the city of Madison, Indiana.”

Courtney said Miss Madison Inc. “did a really, really good job of it for many, many years until the last decade, and they started separating away from the city, and in my opinion, forgetting the fact their whole job was to promote the city of Madison through hydroplane racing, and then eventually they started appointing their own board members, losing the focus on the governance part, and honestly that also led to its demise.”

And, indeed, there was a process in which the hydroplanes were deeded to the city for ownership, and leased back to Miss Madison Inc. for an annual fee of \$1 to race. “When the team built a new boat or received the gift of a boat, that boat was deeded to the city of Madison and it became the property of the city of Madison, and then the city of Madison would lease its property to Miss Madison Inc. to carry on the corporate charter,” said Courtney.

30 years. There is also the lease agreement signed by Mayor Al Huntington and Hughes, and the resolution that City Council passed to authorize the Mayor to enter into the lease agreement.

But that didn’t happen with the 2018 hull, the seventh in the history of the racing team. “That boat should have been deeded to the city and wasn’t,” said Courtney, stating Grooms “knew he was supposed to deed that boat to the city of Madison. He knew it. It had been discussed with him.”

Even though the city didn’t receive the deed for the 2018 hull, Courtney said, “We still view it as our property, and the other boat that they sold was our property as well,” particularly since they still have the deed for the 2007 hull.

Because sponsorship dollars provide the funding for the operations for the Miss Madison Inc. hydroplanes, there have been doubts that they are truly community owned but Courtney emphasized, “This was always, and has always been a community owned boat, and for people to say it’s not, they don’t know the facts. It was funded by sponsors, and that’s how professional sports operate, but there’s always a team owner, and we were the team owner.”

Minutes of the Nov. 5 meeting of the Miss Madison board of directors indicated the team had sought financial help from its 2024 sponsor Goodman Real Estate, but Kelli Jo Norris, company president, reported that the company’s founder John Goodman would not bail the team out of its financial situation. They also stated Grooms was negotiating the sale of the boats and assets with Ratchford, and had agreed to the deal based on recommendations from team attorney Ernie Ching and former Miss Madison driver Steve David.

little operating money would be left if the team did retain one boat. The board then approved accepting Ratchford’s \$1.5 million offer for his purchase by a 4-2 vote.

Courtney said the sale of the boats and assets “was put in motion months before the city found out about it. We found out about it through the rumor mill. They tried to keep it a secret, and it broke out, and that’s when I got involved.”

That was late November of last year. “We reached out to Charlie Grooms upon learning that information, and had a meeting with him where he acknowledged that he had entered into a contract to sell Miss Madison’s assets,” Courtney said. “He had a plan to sell off the assets, pay off its debts and liabilities and utilize the remaining proceeds for research and development of a new hydroplane engine. When we learned what his plan was, we started asking a lot of questions. Why did this happen? Why didn’t you tell us sooner? Why did we have to find out about it through second hand?”

Courtney told Grooms he disagreed with his plan to sell the boats and assets, and called a special meeting with the board of directors Tuesday, Nov. 26. “We expressed our opposition to selling both boats. I made it understood if they could sell one boat and pay off their debts and liabilities, and still keep Miss Madison intact, that was our preference.”

However, Courtney said the board made the decision to “end the era of Miss Madison” also went beyond just selling the assets, the deal also provided the racing team that had been employed by Miss Madison Inc. would move to the new owner. “The real nail in the coffin is that they moved the sponsor, Goodman Real Estate, to the new owner. There’s no coming back from any of this, so when we got involved, the deal was already struck and it was irreversible.”

Courtney said he called Ratchford before the sale was finalized in an attempt to “save Miss Madison”

with the hope of holding onto the 2007 hull in which the city has a deed but Ratchford would not renegotiate the terms of the sale. “The only way to have stopped it would have been to go to court to get an injunction, and I was not willing to put the city of Madison at risk for that liability.”

Courtney said that in reviewing Miss Madison Inc. board minutes that the “deal was struck several months before it broke in the rumor mill” with Grooms negotiating the sale in August, dialogue continuing in September and becoming more realistic in October. “By the time I got involved they were already circulating closing documents, and I was advised by his attorney not to get involved or I would be interfering with the contract.”

Courtney said what happened amounted to “liquidating Miss Madison Inc. and they did all of this without consultation or approvals from the city. It’s just really unfortunate the way it’s unfolded.”

If Grooms and the board of directors of Miss Madison Inc. had reached out to the city, Courtney said he would have worked for a different outcome. But Courtney feels it was intentionally “kept secret” by Grooms and the board directors “because they didn’t want the pressure of the public” knowing the decision to sell the two boats and team assets would likely doom Miss Madison after more than 60 years. “We wanted solutions. The public would have asked for it. Isn’t there another way? Can’t we figure this out? We didn’t get that opportunity.”

He said that the initial gift of the first Miss Madison from DuPont in 1961 stipulated if the boats were ever sold “the money needs to come to the city of Madison for the betterment of Madison. That also I think was forgotten.”

Courtney expressed concern that Grooms had been serving in the roles of president and treasurer while also handling the bookkeeping that he felt created a conflict of

interest, and asked the board to separate Grooms from those functions, and Tim Bipes was elected treasurer by the board. At the Dec. 19 board meeting, an account was established at German American Bank for the \$1.5 million funds from the proceeds of the sale to be distributed to pay outstanding claims.

Courtney said there won’t be a Miss Madison boat running at this year’s 75th anniversary Madison Regatta. Ratchford had made the offer to bring a boat back to Madison for this year’s race. “We thought that was a goodwill gesture, and as it turned out Miss Madison Inc. was going to have to pay the new owner to bring the boat back to race” for an estimated \$25,000. “He was essentially going to rent us the boat for the weekend, and I felt like that was not consistent with our agreement, and was another kind of gut punch relative to the authenticity of Miss Madison racing in the Regatta.”

The current board of directors of Miss Madison Inc. now includes Courtney, Tim Bipes, Kyle Bipes, Andrew Forrester and Tony Steinhart III. Courtney said Tim Bipes had been appointed by Grooms last spring, and is the one from the previous board that has now been appointed by the Mayor. All of the others had previously been appointed to the board by Courtney over the last two months.

“I’m very happy with the board we have now,” said Courtney. “We have different perspectives and experience, and we’ll get to a good place,” even though there is still no certainty whether there will be a Miss Madison boat in the future.

“We are hoping there is a solution down the road but we’ve got to get through this legal and financial aspect of it first,” so until that’s done he doesn’t know. “It’s really unfortunate. The people of Madison deserve to know we’re working hard to protect Miss Madison.”

There is currently no certainty the outcome but Courtney said, “Our dream is to have a boat to race in 2026.”

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# Barlow honored with Golden Shamrock Award

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Michele Barlow was honored recently as the 2025 winner of the annual Golden Shamrock Award by Prince of Peace Catholic Schools.

The Golden Shamrock Award is the highest award within Prince of Peace Catholic Schools and is based on criteria such as long-term support of the schools, long-term community and volunteer service, positive image in the community, and much more.

Phil Kahn, president of Prince of Peace Catholic Schools, presented the award following a mass in Shawe Memorial High School's Rev. Hilary Meny Gymnasium. Kahn spoke about Barlow's commitment and dedication to Shawe and Pope John. "She is always thinking of Pope John and Shawe when you talk to her."

Barlow, a 1967 Shawe Memorial High School graduate, taught 35 years at Pope John Elementary School starting in 1980, teaching every grade from first through sixth grade. She was instrumental in the inception and creation of the first Pope John and Shawe auction dinner.

Barlow is a past president of Prince of Peace Ladies Organization, the first female president of Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, served on the board of directors for Girls Inc. and the Women's Giving Circle, and on the

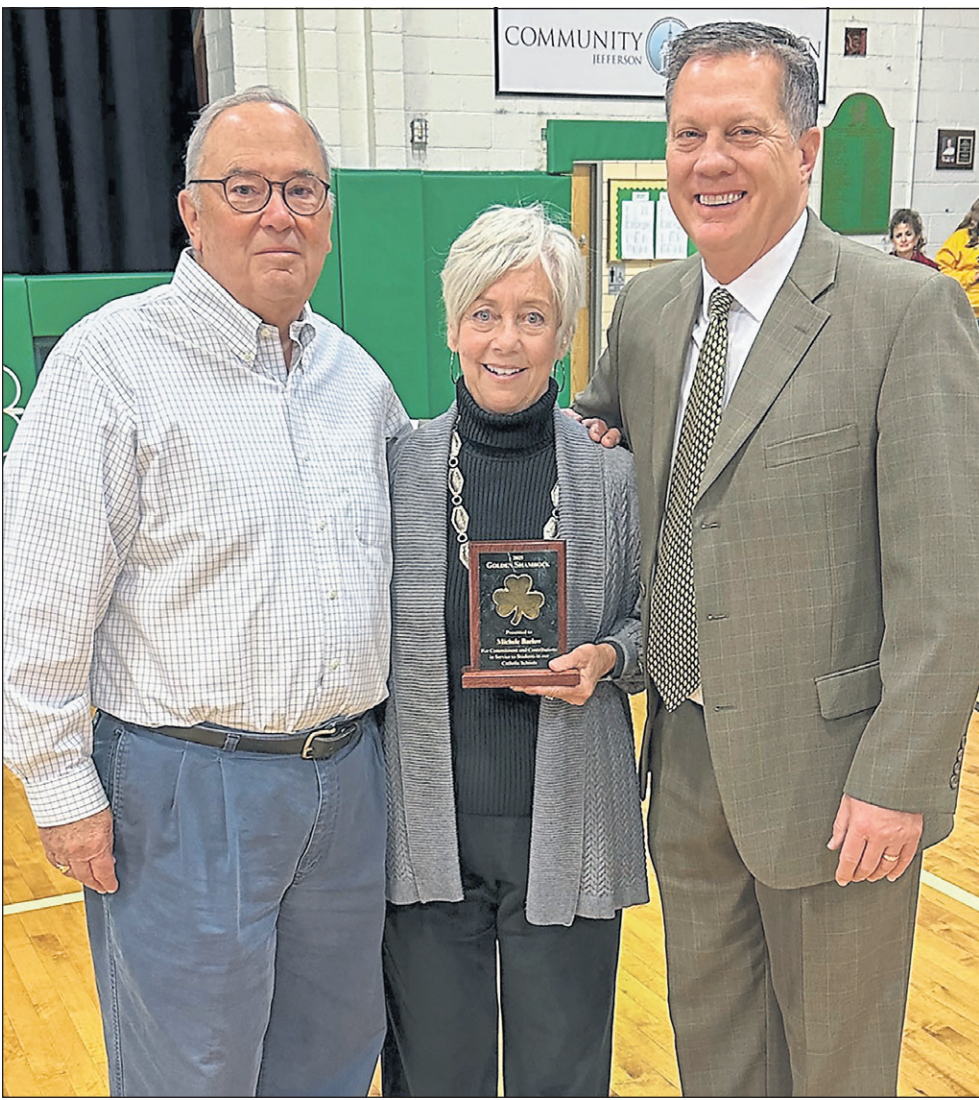
Tour of Homes and scholarship committees for Tri Kappa.

Some of Barlow's achievements during her time as a teacher include coaching Math Bowl and Spell Bowl, and creating and leading a Book Club for advanced readers. In 2005, she was awarded the Mother Theodore Guerin Education Award. Since retirement, Barlow has tutored students during and after school, served as a weekly volunteer in the Pope John cafeteria and helped several teachers in their classrooms. She also continues to attend most events at the schools, whether it is academic or athletic.

"I am so humbled to receive this award," said Barlow. "I do know that I have loved these schools since I attended them back in the 1960s. I give credit to the teachers who gave me a wonderful education and molded me into the person I am today."

As a teacher at Pope John, Barlow said she "was blessed with a job that I looked forward to every day ... I treated each student as if they were my own child. I wanted the best for them, and so I worked hard to give them the best I had."

Barlow left a message for the students, telling them to "get involved and give of your time" to the community where they live to make it a better place. "Act as if what you do makes a difference because it does."



Michelle Barlow (center), recipient of the 2025 Golden Shamrock Award given by Prince of Peace Catholic Schools is pictured with her husband, Rob Barlow (left) and Phil Kahn, president of Prince of Peace Catholic Schools.

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# Kendall-Sage, Jewell honored at HMI Volunteer Recognition Night

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Heidi Kendall-Sage was named Board Member of the Year and Bill Jewell was named the Volunteer of the Year as Historic Madison Inc. (HMI) held its annual Volunteer Recognition Night last month at the Shrewbury-Windle House.

Kendall-Sage was recognized for her support and service to HMI. All HMI board members volunteer their time to support the organization and its mission.

Jewell was recognized for his volunteer work as an experience maker who provided tours at the Schroeder Saddletree Factory Museum to groups of all ages and sizes. He worked nearly every week it was open from April through October. Because of his help and the many other volunteers at the Schroeder Saddletree Factory Museum, HMI welcomed more than 1,100 visitors to the site in 2024.



**Above left:** Historic Madison Inc. President and Executive Director John Staicer with Board Member of the Year Heidi Kendall-Sage. **Above right:** Historic Madison Inc. President and Executive Director John Staicer and Volunteer of the Year Bill Jewell.

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HMI has an active group of and programs with the public. Other volunteers received recognition for volunteering more than 25 hours by receiving the

Star Award. Ten volunteers received the Super Star Award after volunteering more than 50 hours of service in 2024.

More than 30 attendees gathered as President and Executive Director John Staicer thanked Historic Madison's volunteers. "Historic Madison Inc. celebrates all its volunteers for their help in making 2024 a great year. HMI would not be able to fulfill its mission without the help of our great group of volunteers." HMI volunteers gave more than 1925 hours of service equaling more than \$64,500 in impact.

HMI volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in giving tours, doing research, assisting with digitization, exploring the HMI collections or helping in the office. For more information or questions, contact Historic Madison Inc. at hmi@historicmadisoninc.com or call 812-265-2967.

## TOURISM

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- Total Indiana visitor volume grew 1.2% in 2023 to 81.7 million person-trips.
- Total Indiana visitor spending surpassed \$16 billion, marking a recovery to pre-pandemic levels of spending, and reaffirming Indiana as a premier travel destination.
- Spending per visitor to Indiana rose to \$198.

"Madison's tourism industry continues to be a powerful driver of economic growth, supporting local businesses, creating jobs, and enhancing our community's quality of life," said Mayor Bob Courtney. "The latest data reflects the continued strength of our tourism, and it is clear that our city remains a top destination in Indiana. As we look ahead, we remain committed to investing in initiatives that strengthen our tourism economy while preserving the

charm and character that make Madison so special."

The Rockport Economic Impact numbers come on the heels of yet another record year for Innkeeper's Tax collections, with nearly \$770,000 collected in 2024. Innkeepers tax collections make up a large portion of Visit Madison's operational budget and allows VMI to welcome visitors at the Visitors Center at 601 W. First Street seven days a week, as well as offer grants toward entities that directly affect tourism, and projects such as the new trolleys. While innkeeper tax collections were up in 2024, visitation and occupancy was in line with national trends, showing a slight decrease.

"Indiana's tourism industry has continued to be a powerful engine for our state's economy, and this report highlights how significant its impact has become," said IDDC Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel. "With

several metrics reaching pre-pandemic levels, it is clear that tourism is driving growth in communities across the state and we are excited to continue positioning Indiana as a premier destination."

VMI is expanding its visitor experience with new initiatives that will further this year to enhance Madison's tourism appeal. In the coming months, Madison will welcome numerous visits from American

Cruise Lines, host conferences and conventions, and introduce a full slate of programming for the new trolleys — one that arrived last fall and one more that's expected to be put

into service this summer. Additionally, the Main Street Station will be opening as a satellite Visitors Center to showcase Madison and Jefferson County.



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# MCHS Class Representatives

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Class representatives for Madison Consolidated High School's homecoming court include (from left): Front — freshman Aubrie Smith, sophomore Brittan Neuman and junior Audrey Miller; Back — freshman Bryson Copeland, sophomore Briar Boldery and junior Beckham Cornelius.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Plan Commission Technical Committee meeting on updating solar requirements in Jefferson County's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) set for Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. has been canceled due to an illness, and will be rescheduled next month.

Fairfield Inn and Suites at  
the Picker House  
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D.L. McIntyre, author of the book "A Wishful Eye", a historical fiction work based in the Ohio River valley region in the 1800s.

Curtis Crisler, who was named Indiana Poet Laureate, will be joined with a display of beaded jewelry by Janine Wells.

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Switzerland County junior Peyton Richards, pictured during the sectional at Jennings County, finished fourth in his weight class at the Evansville semistate on Saturday to earn his first ever trip to the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals.

# Switzerland’s Richards headed to wrestling state finals

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Switzerland County junior Peyton Richards finished fourth in his weight class at the IHSAA Boys Wrestling Semistate in Evansville on Saturday to punch his ticket to the state finals. Richards (34-3) picked up easy wins in his first two bouts at 138 pounds to clinch a state finals berth for the first time. Richards beat Center Grove’s Marcus Malone by a 9-1 major

decision in the opening round and then posted a 7-0 win over Floyd Central’s Hunter Banet in the quarterfinals. Richards was then pinned by eventual semistate champion Braylon Reynolds of Brownsburg in 1:18 in the semifinals to send him to the consolation round where he suffered a 5-4 loss to Columbus North’s Justice Thornton. Richards had beaten Thornton in both the sec-

tional and regional championships. No other local wrestler reached the semifinals to qualify for the state finals, but three others won their opening match. Madison’s Eli Stewart beat New Albany’s Stephen Goodman 8-3 in the opening round at 126 pounds but then lost by a 19-2 technical fall in 1:49 to Avon’s Nathan Rioux in the quarters. Stewart ends his season with an 8-4

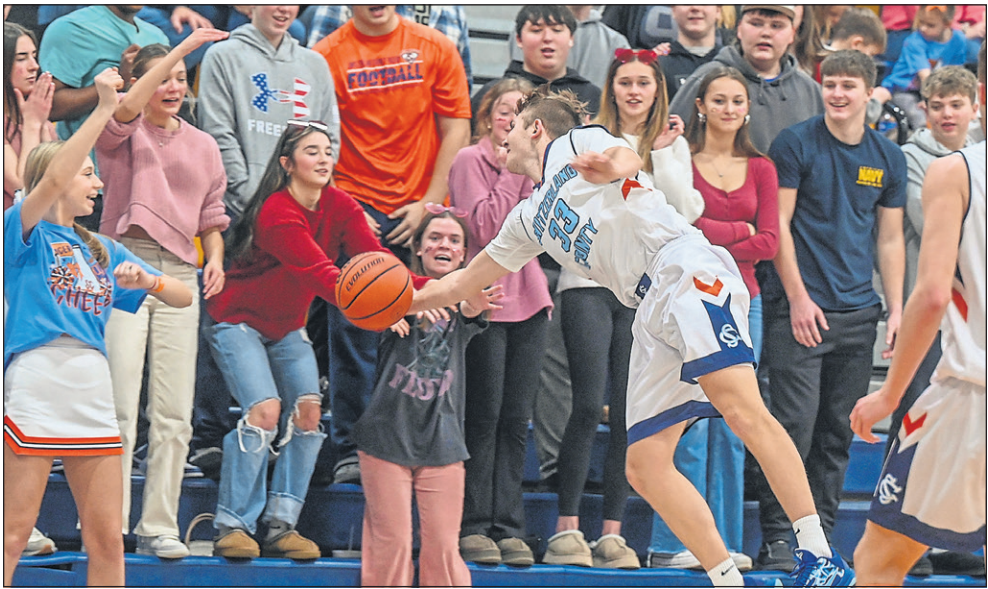
record. Switzerland County’s Leo Oatman beat Bloomington South’s Jaxsen Jean 11-10 in the opener at 106 pounds but then lost by a 15-0 technical fall in 2:09 to Center Grove’s Daniel Brown Jr.. Oatman ends the season with a 36-9 record. Switzerland County’s Ethan Rose pinned Bloomington South’s Mark Hand in 1:38 in the opener at 126 pounds but then lost by a

15-0 technical fall in 4:09 to Evansville Mater Dei’s Ty Henderson. Rose finishes the season with a 35-11 record. Madison’s Kieran Lock (113 pounds), Ethan Pittman (120), Brendan Bentz (144), Garrett Deuser (175) and Ayden Waggner (190) all lost in the opening round. Switzerland County’s Michael Gross (113), Gabe Rose (144) and Ethan Jones (150) also lost in the opening round.

Brownsburg scored 266 points to easily win the team semistate title. Switzerland County placed 17th with 15 points and Madison tied for 35th with two points. Richards will kick off the IHSAA State Finals in Indianapolis on Friday, starting at 3 p.m. He will take on Dylan Ogg (47-1) of Adams Central in the opening round. The action will conclude on Saturday.

# Switzerland pulls away after 1st to hammer Shawe, 64-37

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL**  
Shawe did everything it could to stay with Switzerland County for a quarter, but once the Pacers started rolling, they were too hard to stop. Switzerland trailed 14-10 late in the first and then ripped off an 18-3 run to take control and cruise to a 64-37 win in boys basketball Friday in Vevay. A switch in zone defenses fueled the Switzerland run, which saw the Pacers lead by 11 at halftime and 21 after three quarters as they rolled to their 10th win of the season.



Photos by David Campbell

Switzerland County’s Cam Craig (33) attempts to save the ball as it sails into the student section during the Pacers’ win over Shawe at home on Friday.

“We knew coming in that (Braiden) Smith was a big part of their offense. And I don’t know if our guys just didn’t trust me on it or what, but he did a really good job of coming out and making some buckets,” Switzerland coach Travis Wrightsman said. “We made our adjustments, going from the 1-3-1 to the 2-3 and that did a better job of getting out on him. We wanted to make somebody else besides Braiden Smith score.” Smith, the Hilltoppers’ high-scoring senior, scored 10 points in the first quarter as Shawe sprinted out the early four-point lead. But after Switzerland’s switch to the 2-3 zone, Smith scored only eight points the rest of the way as the Shawe offense ground to a halt. “We were ready for their couple of defenses. But it’s just kind of a microcosm of our season. We play well when we’re patient and move the ball and get good shots, but then when we speed up

and think we need to get quicker shots, it leads to turnovers and fast breaks for the other team,” said Shawe assistant coach Phil Kahn, subbing for head coach Dan Hambrick who left early with an illness. “That’s what we just talked to the guys about, it’s about patience and good shots. It let us have a good first quarter, but then we got away from that.” As Shawe (7-13, 0-5 Ohio River Valley) speeded up, it played right into the hands of Switzerland County, which used its defense to create shots on the other end. The result was one of Switzerland’s most balanced efforts of the season. Carson Griffith had 17 points and six rebounds to lead the Pacers, career scoring leader Cam Craig had 14 points and eight rebounds and Cooper Todd added 12 points, five rebounds and

five assists. Smith scored 18 points and had six rebounds to lead Shawe. Cavaan Hambrick added eight points and Loren Stiver scored seven. “If you would have told me we were going to hold Cam Craig to 14 points, I would have been pretty happy,” Kahn said. “Cam’s a heck of a player, he’s had a heck of a career and they just had other guys step up, unfortunately, you know. But again, our sloppy play on offense hurt us and led to some of their good breakouts.” On Saturday, Switzerland (10-9, 3-2 ORVC) traveled to Austin and suffered a 63-39 loss. No statistics for the game were available. Shawe hosts Oldenburg on Wednesday on a snow make-up game and then have a rare weekend off before hosting Milan on Tuesday, Feb. 25.



Switzerland County’s Isaac Williams blocks the shot of Shawe’s Braiden Smith (25) during Friday’s Pacers win in Vevay.

Switzerland County hosts Jac-Cen-Del on Friday and travels to New Washington on Saturday.

# Madison swimmers end season at state finals

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Perhaps the best season in the history of Madison Consolidated High School swimming came to an end at the IHSAA State Finals at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis on Saturday. The Cubs had four swimmers competing in five events and although none made it out of the preliminary round, all performed well. Madison’s best finish came in the 200-yard medley relay where the quartet of Avery Johnson, Tayleigh Johnson, Lilly

Canida and Reilly Kuppler placed 27th in 1:52.84. The same four placed 29th in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:48.59. Canida competed in two individual events, placing 29th in the 100 freestyle in 54.70 and 36th in the 50 freestyle in 25.04. Avery Johnson placed 31st in the 100 backstroke in 1:01.65. The boys postseason tournament begins this weekend with the IHSAA Sectional at Floyd Central. Preliminaries are on Thursday with the finals set for Saturday.

## LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>TUESDAY, FEB. 18</b> <b>BASKETBALL</b> Carroll Co. boys host Whitefield Academy, 7:30 p.m. Southwestern boys at Providence, 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. girls host Mercer Co., 7:30 p.m.	Co. boys, IHSAA Sectional Preliminaries at Floyd Central, 6 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19</b> <b>BASKETBALL</b> Hanover women at Transylvania, 7 p.m. Hanover men hosts Transylvania, 7:30 p.m. Shawe boys host Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY, FEB. 21</b> <b>BASEBALL</b> Hanover vs. Mary Washington at Fayetteville, N.C., noon <b>BASKETBALL</b> Carroll Co. boys host Villa Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Madison boys host Columbus East, 7:30 p.m. Southwestern boys hosts Austin, 7:30 p.m. Switzerland Co. boys host Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. boys host Portland Christian, 7:30 p.m. <b>TENNIS</b> Hanover men vs. Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras at Orlando, Fla., 7 p.m. <b>WRESTLING</b> Switzerland Co.’s Peyton Richards, IHSAA State Finals at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY, FEB. 20</b> <b>BASKETBALL</b> Trimble Co. boys host Brown, 7:30 p.m. Trimble Co. girls at Woodford Co., 7:30 p.m. <b>SWIMMING</b> Madison, Shawe, Southwestern, Switzerland	



# Byron avoids late wrecks to win 2nd straight Daytona 500

BY DAN GELSTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — William Byron fortuitously missed the ferocious wrecks down the stretch at the Daytona 500 that knocked out contenders racing for the checkered flag and left him with a repeat victory in sight.

Still, sitting ninth with one lap left in an overtime finish, the odds seemed against the driver of the No. 24 Chevrolet to escape the rest of the race unscathed, or even have enough time to pull off the comeback win.

Thanks to one more crash, Byron used a clean ride on his final lap to escape the chaos and race to his second straight Daytona 500 victory. He dodged a string of late-race wreckage that knocked out a chunk of contenders and sent the Hendrick Motorsports driver into victory lane Sunday night at Daytona International Speedway.

“It’s not all luck to win twice in a row,” Byron said.

Maybe not. But Byron certainly was in the right place by racing near the outside wall in overtime to become the first back-to-back winner since Denny Hamlin in 2019-20.

Byron took advantage of another major mess on the final lap — NASCAR did not drop the caution and let the field race to the finish — and took another, familiar burnout in Daytona International Speedway.

“It’s obviously really special,” Byron said. “It’s an amazing race, and obviously a lot of crazy racing out there tonight and just a lot of pushing and shoving.”

The 27-year-old Byron held on to win after two weather delays totaling more than 3 1/2 hours, and with President Donald Trump set to watch the rest of the race in Florida, after he earlier led drivers on two laps around the track in his heavily armored presidential limousine known in Washington as “The Beast.”

Hendrick Motorsports won its 10th Daytona 500 to break a tie with Petty Enterprises for the record.

“Just obviously fortunate it worked out in our favor,” Byron said. “Crazy? Yeah. I can’t honestly believe that but we’re here.”

Byron become the youngest driver to win multiple Daytona 500s, breaking the record held by Jeff Gordon, also in the No. 24. Gordon, a Hall of Famer and four-time NASCAR champion, is now Byron’s boss as vice chairman of Hendrick Motorsports.

Gordon flashed a thumbs up when told Byron broke his record for youngest two-time winner by four months.

“I hope he breaks them all,” Gordon said. “I’m in full



AP Photo/John Raoux

William Byron celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

support of that.”

Austin Cindric held the lead headed to the white flag when he was wiped out in crash that took out a slew of drivers that included Chase Briscoe, Denny Hamlin and Alex Bowman. It was sixth time in the last eight Daytona 500s the race spilled into overtime, setting up Byron to become the fifth driver to win it in consecutive years.

Byron won for the 14th time in his Cup career, and already set his sights on the championship race in Phoenix after finishing third in the standings in each of the last two years.

“We plan on trying to win a lot of races this year, so we’re not going to stop here,” Byron said. “We’re going to continue to push forward and try to get to Phoenix.”

It wouldn’t be Daytona without all the flips, slams and skids down the stretch that inevitably send the race into overtime.

With four laps left, Ryan Preece turned upside-down and essentially did a wheelie in his No. 60 Ford. His car flipped onto its roof and turned back onto its tires before hitting the outside wall. Preece dropped his safety net to signal to crews he was OK.

Bubba Wallace, Kyle Larson, Daniel Suarez and Brad Keselowski all had their shots at victory lane spoiled, and the race was red-flagged, just 11 laps after another big one shuffled the field and knocked four former Cup Series champions out of contention.

Reigning NASCAR champion Joey Logano and Ricky Stenhouse started the multi-car melee when Logano moved to the middle and Stenhouse moved to block him. It stacked up Logano, and the accordion effect sent several cars — including ones belonging to former Cup champs Kyle Busch, Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott — sliding in every direction.

Busch’s car ended up on a wrecker, extending his skid to 0 for 20 in “The Great American Race.”

Tyler Reddick was second and two-time Daytona 500 champion Jimmie Johnson was third. Chase Briscoe

was fourth and John Hunter Nemechek fifth.

Xfinity Series champion Justin Allgaier finished ninth driving for team owner and two-time Daytona 500 champion Dale Earnhardt Jr. in JR Motorsports’ Cup debut.

Not bad. Not good enough to beat Byron.

Byron, a self-taught racer who used computer equipment to hone his skills, was left standing one more time as a Daytona winner. Gordon was a three-time Daytona 500 winner and noted he still had the edge over Byron.

“Until next year,” Gordon said.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Johnson and Nemechek gave Legacy Motor Club two top-five finishes. A Hall of Fame driver and seven-time NASCAR champion, Johnson is now the majority owner under an off-season restructuring. It was his highest finish in the race since he won it in 2013.

“I have emotions that I didn’t expect to have. I’ve never been in this position as an owner, and it’s really opened up a different set of emotions,” Johnson said after his highest finish in the race since winning in 2013.

## EARLY EXIT

Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves and 2017 NASCAR champion Martin Truex Jr. were among the drivers whose race ended after they were collected in a wreck before the halfway point.

Castroneves made the Daytona 500 under a new rule that allows for a “world-class driver” to receive a provisional spot. He landed a NASCAR ride as part of Trackhouse’s “Project 91,” designed to give renowned racers from outside of the series a shot in a stock car.

Truex, who retired from full-time racing at the end of last season, failed to win the Daytona 500 in 21 tries.

Truex finished 38th and Castroneves 39th.

## UP NEXT

The series shifts to Atlanta Motor Speedway, where Daniel Suarez is the defending race winner.

## HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Southwestern knocks off Rising Sun, Floyd Central

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern boys basketball rebounded from its first loss in six weeks with a pair of victories on the road over the weekend.

On Friday, the Rebels knocked off Rising Sun 68-34 to finish 5-1 in Ohio River Valley Conference play. Landon Kidwell had 14 points to lead Southwestern, Adam Taylor scored 12 and Jeter Chatham had 11. Caleb Goode and Braxton Lewis scored nine each to round out a balanced team effort.

On Saturday afternoon, Southwestern came from behind to beat Floyd Central 51-47. Kidwell scored 18 points to lead the way and Goode had 16 points. Lewis added seven and Taylor scored six.

Southwestern, now 15-4 overall, travels to Class 2A No. 8 Providence on Tuesday and hosts both Scott County schools this weekend, facing Austin on Friday and Scottsburg on Saturday.

## MADISON FALLS TO GREENSBURG

Madison was outscored by eight points in the fourth quarter and suffered a 74-64 loss to Greensburg in boys basketball on Saturday afternoon.

The Cubs hung close with Greensburg for most of the game but the Pirates pulled away down the stretch to hand Madison its third-straight loss.

Landon True tied his own school record with nine 3-pointers and scored a career-high 33 points to lead Madison. True was 10-for-16 overall from the floor and 9-of-14 on 3-pointers.

Damon Harden added 13 points for the Cubs and Zachary Vinup had eight points and eight rebounds.

Madison, now 7-13 on the season, hosts Columbus East on Friday and Trinity



Abby Hooven

Carroll County girls basketball won two straight games for the third time this season with a 44-33 win over Eminence last Wednesday before beating Villa Madonna 55-49 Saturday. Cloie McGuire led the Panthers with 11 points against the Warriors while Kelby Maiden, pictured battling for a loose ball, added nine. Carroll went on a 7-0 run to end the game and fend off Eminence for the road win.

Lutheran on Saturday.

## TRIMBLE GIRLS BEAT LLOYD

Trimble County girls basketball picked up a 54-51 win at Lloyd Memorial on Saturday.

Ainslie Stark had 18 points for the Raiders, Kendra Mahoney scored 13 and Jolie Wilcoxson had 10.

On Thursday, Trimble suffered a 60-25 loss at home to Walton-Verona. No statistics for the game were available.

Trimble, now 12-10 on the season, hosts Mercer County on Tuesday and wraps up the regular season at Woodford County on Thursday.

## TRIMBLE LOSES TO BEECHWOOD

Trimble County suffered an 85-42 loss at Beechwood in boys basketball on Friday.

Ethan Keller scored 13 points to lead Trimble while freshman Hudson Jent had 12.

Trimble, now 6-21 on the season, hosted Louisville Collegiate on Monday and hosts Brown on Thursday.

The Raiders close out the regular season at home against Portland Christian on Friday.

## CARROLL WINS 2 GAMES

Carroll County picked up a pair of home wins in boys basketball over the weekend.

Carroll defeated Dayton 50-46 on Friday and Valley 66-38 at Saturday. No statistics for either game were available.

Carroll, now 9-15 overall, traveled to Williamstown on Monday and host Whitefield Academy on Tuesday. The Panthers then wrap up the regular season at home against Villa Madonna on Friday.

## CARROLL BEATS VILLA MADONNA

Carroll County girls basketball picked up a 55-49 win at home over Villa Madonna on Saturday.

No statistics for the game were available.

Carroll, now 12-14 on the season, hosted Oldham County on Monday in its final game of the regular season.

## HANOVER ROUNDUP

# Panther women knock off Franklin, 83-81

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Grace Bezold scored the go-ahead bucket with 1:03 to play and Hanover held on down the stretch for an 83-81 win over Franklin in women’s basketball at home on Saturday.

Franklin took a five-point lead into the fourth quarter and led by as many as 13 before Hanover caught fire. The Panthers outscored their rivals 23-11 over the game’s final eight minutes, culminating in Bezold’s bucket with 1:03 to go.

Franklin missed a game-tying shot with 33 seconds left and Hanover held on for the win.

Bezold had 32 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Panthers while Sammy Berman had 28 points and eight rebounds. Katherine Benter added nine points.

Hanover, now 18-6 overall and 12-5 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, closes out the regular season at league-leading Transylvania on Wednesday. Hanover is currently tied with Mount St. Joseph for the No. 2 seed in the upcoming conference tournament and will need a win over Transy to secure the position.

## HANOVER MAN FALL TO FRANKLIN

Hanover men’s basketball suffered a 61-57 loss at home to Franklin on Saturday.

Coleman Sater had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Panthers while Cam Freeman had 10 points.

Hanover, now 14-10 overall and 10-7 in the HCAC,

hosts Transylvania in the regular-season finale on Wednesday. Hanover and Transylvania are currently tied for fourth place in the HCAC and the winner of the game will determine which team gets the higher seed.

## SWIMMERS COMPETE IN HCAC

Hanover’s swim teams competed in the HCAC Championships a Rose-Hulman over the weekend.

Both Hanover teams placed sixth out of seven teams with the women scoring 171 points and the men 107. Franklin won the women’s title with 656 points and Rose-Hulman won the men’s with 957.

Top finishes for the Hanover women were: Anna Williams, Aidah Shuttlesworth, Lindsay Brown and Lucy Schoenlein, fourth, 200 medley relay, 2:04.72; Lawson Phillips, Schoenlein, Brown and Shuttlesworth, fifth, 200 free relay, 1:50.43; Williams, Shuttlesworth, Schoenlein and Phillips, fifth, 400 medley relay, 4:36.71 and fifth, 400 free relay, 3:58.88; Schoenlein, sixth, 500 free, 5:44.89, sixth, 1650 free, 20:17.80 and ninth, 200 free, 2:07.52; Brown, ninth, 100 fly, 1:08.92; Williams, ninth, 100 back, 1:06.36 and 10th, 200 back, 2:25.39; Phillips, ninth, 100 free, 59.14; and Shuttlesworth, 10th, 200 IM, 2:29.95.

Top finishes for the Hanover men were: Calum Buchanan, Boaz Hofer, Chaze Combs and Chet Paulsen, fifth, 200 free

relay, 1:32.30, fifth, 400 free relay, 3:26.91 and sixth, 400 medley relay, 3:53.18 and sixth, 200 medley relay, 1:46.36; Paulsen, 10th, 100 free, 49.24 and 14th, 200 free, 1:53.17; and Buchanan, 13th, 100 free, 49.82, 13th, 100 fly, 55.8 and 13th, 50 free, 22.72.

## TRACK COMPETES AT DEPAUW

Hanover’s track & field teams competed in the indoor Tiger Invitational at DePauw on Saturday.

Hanover’s Grady Shay set a school record in the men’s 60-meter hurdles, placing fifth in 8.80. He was also a member of the 800-meter relay team along with teammates Jayden Enderle, Layden Adair and Brandon Bensouda that finished second in a time of 1:31.98.

Hanover’s Jessie Stenger placed second in the women’s weight throw at 14.58 meters and second in the shot put at 12.34 meters.

Other top finishes for Hanover’s men were: Alex Bower, third, high jump, 1.78m and fifth, triple jump, 12.08m; Sean Woods, third, pole vault, 4.10m; and Tommy Wilmoth, fourth, shot put, 14.48.

Other top finishes for Hanover’s women were: Emma Litzelman, third, 1-mile run, 5:41.60; Callie Swegman, fourth, 5000 run, 18:11.03; Natalie Day, fourth, 400 dash, 1:03.95 and fifth, 60 hurdles, 10.23; and Paige Wildman, fifth, 8000 run, 2:25.24.

Hanover competes in the Indiana State Open on Saturday.

## COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Hanover College’s Sean Woods and Brandon Bensouda have been honored as Athletes of the Week by the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Woods was named the Jumps Athletes of the Week while Bensouda was Sports/Hurdles Athlete of the Week.

• Southwestern junior varsity boys basketball split a pair of road games over the weekend.

On Friday, Southwestern beat Rising Sun 52-28. Andrew Nussbaum and Luke Morrow scored 18 points to lead the Rebels.

On Saturday, Southwestern lost at Floyd Central, 52-47. Morrow had 14 points, Nussbaum scored 12 and Caleb Ream had 10.

Southwestern travels to Providence on Tuesday and hosts Austin on Friday.

• Shawe Junior High girls basketball split a pair of games against Milan on Thursday.

The seventh grade lost 21-10. Ari Alderman had seven points for the Hill-

toppers and Adley Ashcraft scored two.

The eighth grade won 35-4. Brylee Liter had 16 points for the Hilltoppers and Robbi Alderman scored 12.

• Hanover Parks Department has applications for its youth baseball and softball leagues.

There are five age groups available from ages three through 12. Cost is \$30 with a second child for \$25 and a third \$20. Deadline is March 26. All applications received by the deadline are guaranteed a roster spot.

For more information, contact Scott Davidson at sdavidson@townofhanover.net, 812-806-1042 or 812-292-4282.

• Madison Parks and Recreation Department will offer coed T-Ball for children ages 4-6 this summer.

In addition to the return of T-ball, Madison Parks and Recreation will also offer youth baseball and softball programs for older children.

A Rookie League will be available for kids ages seven to 10, with skill-level-based

instruction emphasizing fun and growth. For children ages 10 and older, Minor League Baseball and Softball will provide opportunities for scrimmages and skill development in an instructional setting. The Major League will offer a similar format for participants ages 12 and up, focusing on advanced skill-building through scrimmages rather than official games.

Practices for all leagues will begin the week of May 2 with schedules determined based on the number of teams and available coaches. Each participant will receive a team t-shirt and baseball cap to kick off the season.

Registration is \$25, and families can register online at madison-in.gov/summersports. Families with children outside the recommended age range are encouraged to contact Whitney Burdzilaskas at wburdzilaskas@madison-in.gov to discuss enrollment options. Those interested in coaching are also encouraged to reach out to Burdzilaskas.



# Hepburn leads Louisville over Notre Dame 75-60

SOUTH BEND — Chucky Hepburn scored 16 points with six assists, James Scott had his fourth double-double of the season and Louisville beat Notre Dame 75-60 on Sunday night to snap a four-game skid in the series.

Scott had 10 points and 10 rebounds for Louisville (20-6, 13-2 ACC). Terrence Edwards Jr. scored 14 points and Reyne Smith made four 3-pointers and finished 12 points.

The Cardinals have won four games in a row and 14 of their last 15.

Markus Burton led Notre Dame (11-14, 5-9) with 22 points and Tae Davis finished with 15. Braeden Shrewsberry added 12, including four 3s.

After the game, Notre Dame coach Micah Shrewsberry got emotional, repeatedly defending his team and saying the Irish would turn things around.

“I understand a lot of people have quit on us,” the coach said. “... If you hate me, absolutely man. Great. If you thing I (stink). If you think I can’t coach, I’m with you, man, good. Good for you because you’re allowed to have opinions.”

Shrewsberry said his team, which lost for the fourth time in five games, has not and will not quit.

“Don’t give up on these kids, man,” the coach said. “What have they done for people to give up on them. I know if you’re not with us because we’re losing, you don’t want to come watch us, fine. Fine. But do it because of me then, not these kids. They don’t deserve that.

“I don’t care about anybody else’s opinion. I know who I am. I know I can coach basketball. I know I’m turning this program around. If you gave up on me already,

I don’t want to see you back here. I don’t give a damn. ... We’re gonna get this thing rolling.

He said the game was attended by more Louisville fans than Notre Dame fans and called that embarrassing for him.

“I got us in this predicament,” Shrewsberry said. “But don’t come back when we’re winning.”

Moments later, he knocked a microphone away and stormed out of the interview room.

Noah Waterman, Hepburn and Khani Rooths each hit a 3-pointer in a 13-0 run that gave Louisville a seven-point lead with eight minutes left in the first half and Smith hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to make it 35-28 at the intermission.

Notre Dame scored seven of the first 10 second-half points to cut its deficit to 38-35 about five minutes in after Davis converted a three-point play. Edwards answered with a 3-pointer and the Irish got no closer.

J’Vonne Hadley, who scored eight of his 10 points in the second half, hit back-to-back 3s 45 seconds apart to cap a 13-2 run that gave the Cardinals an 18-point lead with 6:51 to play.

Smith has 100 made 3-pointers this season, tied with Preston Knowles (2010-11) for third most in a single season in program history. Taquan Dean hit a school record 122 in 2004-05.

Notre Dame won 97-94 at Boston College in double overtime on Wednesday to snap a three-game skid.

Louisville play host to Florida State on Saturday (TV: Live on CW at noon). Notre Dame plays the second of three consecutive home games on Wednesday against Southern Methodist (TV: Live on ACCN at 7 p.m.).

# Texas duo leads Horns past No. 15 Wildcats, 82-78

**BY MARK ROSNER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — Freshman Tre Johnson scored 32 points, and senior Tramon Mark had 26, season bests for both, and Texas defeated No. 15 Kentucky 82-78 on Saturday night, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Texas (16-10, 5-8 Southeastern Conference) trailed 69-64 with less than four minutes remaining before making a 14-1 push. Johnson and Mark scored 12 of the 14 for a 78-70 lead with 34 seconds remaining.

Johnson converted just 1 of 8 3-point attempts but made 10 baskets inside the line and 9 of 10 free throws. Mark made three 3-pointers.

Otega Oweh led Kentucky (17-8, 6-6) with 20 points. Amari Williams had 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Kentucky, an adept 38% team on 3-pointers, hit just 6 of 24 against Texas.

**TAKEAWAYS**

**Kentucky:** The Wildcats played without two starters. Jaxson Robinson, their second-leading scorer and

best 3-point shooter in SEC games, has an injured right wrist. Guard Lamont Butler who leads the team in assists, has a shoulder injury.

**Texas:** Arthur Kaluma, the Longhorns’ top rebounder and second-leading scorer, missed the game with a knee problem. Jayson Kent replaced Kaluma in the starting lineup and grabbed eight rebounds.

**KEY MOMENT**

Johnson, after missing a layup, grabbed the rebound and made a layup and free throw for a three-point play to start the Longhorns’ 14-1 run. Johnson, a guard, had nine rebounds.

**KEY STAT**

Kentucky, which averages just 10 turnovers a game, committed 15 against Texas, which turned them into 21 points. Some of those were fast break points, where Texas had a 16-10 edge.

**UP NEXT**

Kentucky hosts Vanderbilt on Wednesday (TV: Live on SEC at 7 p.m.)

# No. 16 Badgers rally past No. 7 Purdue 94-84

**BY MICHAEL MAROT**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — When Wisconsin backup guard Kamari McGee was ejected late in the first half Saturday against Purdue, the 16th-ranked Badgers didn’t fret.

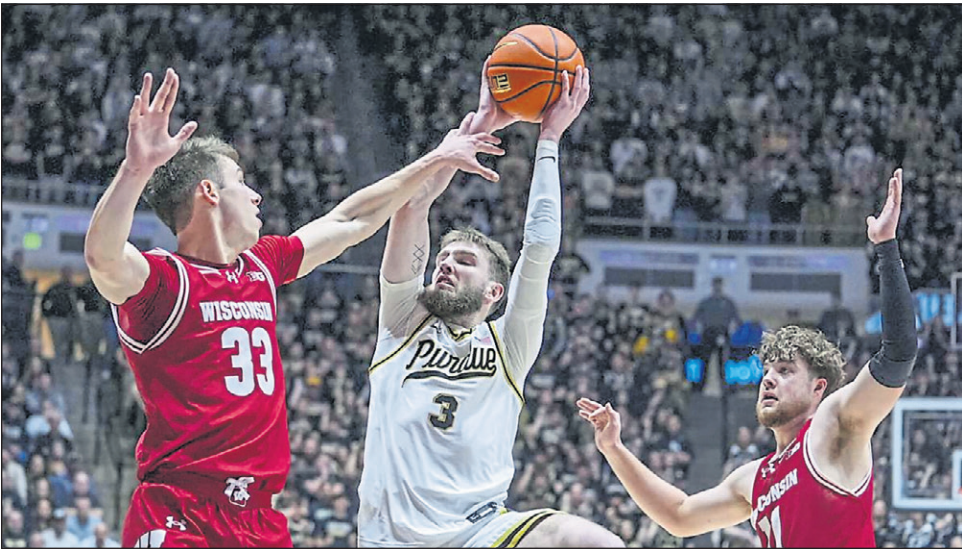
They found a way to overcome his absence.

Wisconsin kept its composure, used the ejection as motivation and rallied to beat No. 7 Purdue 94-84, handing the Boilermakers a second loss this season on their home court.

“I think the ejection actually threw more gas on our fire,” Badgers coach Greg Gard said. “I probably talked less in these huddles than I have all year because they were so engaged, so locked in with what we wanted to do.”

The Badgers (20-5, 10-4 Big Ten) needed Saturday’s victory to help them chase what they really crave — another regular-season conference championship. By beating the two-time defending Big Ten champs, the Badgers pulled within 1 ½ games of No. 20 Michigan, are one game behind No. 11 Michigan State, ½ game behind the Boilermakers and squarely in play for earning a double-bye in next month’s league tournament.

But when the refs determined after a replay review that the collision between McGee and screen-setting Trey Kaufman-Renn, which



Purdue guard Braden Smith (3) shoots between Wisconsin guards Jack Janicki (33) and Max Klesmit (11) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in West Lafayette, Ind., Saturday, Feb. 15.

ended up with McGee’s hand hitting the 6-foot-9 forward in the groin, warranted a Flagrant 2 foul, it appeared the Badgers may be doomed.

McGee first went to the bench as the raucous crowd at Mackey Arena roared, then was escorted by a team official to the locker room, blowing kisses to the crowd as he walked through the tunnel.

The Badgers didn’t let his absence bother them.

“I didn’t look at the (video) board or anything, I was having more conversations about what happened on the previous possession when I felt our guys were like bowling pins, falling down and getting knocked around,” Gard said. “I felt when they gave the explanation (on McGee), that’s the letter of the law, it’s not up for debate. We needed to move on and keep playing.”

Eventually, they did.

First, though, Kaufman-Renn, who doubled over briefly during the replay review, made both free throws. C.J. Cox added a midrange jumper to put the short-handed Badgers in a 31-22 deficit just 44 seconds after McGee’s departure.

But Purdue couldn’t take full advantage of the opportunity and Wisconsin refused to collapse in front a national television audience.

It turned out to be a big mistake for the Boilermakers.

“You’ve got to be able to expand your lead at that point, and we just didn’t,” Kaufman-Renn said after scoring a career high 30 points on 12 of 16 shooting. “We didn’t quite do that.”

Instead, the Badgers charged back to cut the halftime deficit to 37-36, and John Tonje wound up scoring 22 of his 32 points in the second half including the 4-point play that gave them a 51-50 lead — a lead they never relinquished thanks to some unlikely contributors.

Sparingly used Jack Janicki finished with a career-high 11 points, Nolan Winter matched his highest scoring total, 12 points, over the past month and Carter Gilmore provided productive minutes, too.

Gard wasn’t surprised.

“McGee had to hit the showers early and I think it made our other guys unite even more,” he said. “They’re just extremely confident and they know, collectively, they’re a really good team.”

# UCLA holds off late Indiana rally, 72-68

BLOOMINGTON — Dylan Andrews hit two free throws with four seconds left to allow UCLA to hold off Indiana, 72-68 on Friday.

With five games left in the Big Ten regular season, the Bruins (19-7, 10-5) are in fifth place. The top four finishers earn a double bye into the conference tournament.

UCLA led by as many as 13 points in the first half and held a 62-52 lead after Tyler Bilodeau’s jumper with 7:43 left but Myles Rice hit a layup and Malik Reneau scored at the basket twice, then answered Kobe Johnson’s jumper with 3:26 left by tipping in a missed 3 from Mackenzie Mgbako to make it 67-63 with 2:42 left. Reneau turned a three-point play with :53 left to get the Hoosiers within two, 70-68. Rice missed a jumper and Mgbako missed a layup and a 3-point attempt before Andrews stepped to the line to make it a two-possession game.

Bilodeau finished with 12 points, five rebounds and three assists to lead the Bruins. Skyy Clark was 3-for-3 from 3-point range and finished with 11 points and Johnson added 10 points, six rebounds and three assists.

Luke Goode finished with 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Indiana (15-11, 6-9). Mgbako and Reneau each added 14 points.

UCLA, which had its seven-game win streak snapped Tuesday at Illinois, evened its record away from Pauley Pavilion at 6-6 while earning coach Mick Cronin his 499th career victory. The Bruins played in Bloomington for the first time since December 29, 1956 and faced the Hoosiers for the first time since meeting in the second round of the 2007 NCAA tournament (UCLA won 54-49).


Indiana has a week off before hosting No. 7 Purdue Sunday, Feb. 23 (TV: Live on CBS at 1:30 p.m.).

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# Fever continue overhaul with shot-blocking forward Turner

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Fever continued their offseason overhaul Tuesday by signing free agent forward Brian-na Turner, a two-time WNBA all-defensive selection.

Turner is the latest addition to a roster that consists of five All-Stars and the WNBA's last two Rookies of the Year, guard Caitlin Clark and forward Aliyah Boston.

Adding Turner also follows a trend the Fever have followed throughout the offseason — brining in veterans with postseason experience. Indiana already had signed forwards Natasha Howard, a three-time champ and two-time All-Star, and DeWanna Bonner, a two-time champ and six-time All-Star.

Indiana believes the additions will make the franchise a legitimate title contender after ending a seven-year playoff drought last season. The Fever were swept in the first round of the playoffs by the Connecticut Sun.

“I am ecstatic to join the Fever organization and compete for a championship,” Turner said in a statement released by the team. “I was drawn to

the team’s commitment to investing in women and providing the best professional atmosphere for success. The front office and coaching staff have assembled a dynamic roster that I’m looking forward to learning from and growing with throughout the season.”

Atlanta selected Turner with the No. 11 overall draft pick in 2019 and traded her to Phoenix. The Notre Dame alum spent her first five seasons with the Mercury, earning all-rookie honors in 2019. She was selected to the league's all-defensive team in 2020 and 2021 after finishing among the league's top eight in blocks each season.

Turner spent last season with the Chicago Sky, playing the fewest minutes of her six pro seasons and averaged career lows of 1.2 points. 2.0 rebounds and

0.5 blocks. But Indiana believes the 6-foot-3 shot blocker could be poised for a resurgence this season. Turner’s career averages are 4.6 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.2 blocks.

“She adds depth to our post rotation, bringing exceptional shot blocking and rebounding abilities to our team,” general manager Amber Cox said. “Brian-na’s basketball I.Q. is off the charts.”

Turner helped lead the Fighting Irish to their second NCAA championship in 2018.

She will be reunited with former Mercury teammate Sophie Cunningham, who the Fever acquired in a four-team trade. Indiana also signed guard Sydney Colson, who played the past three seasons in Las Vegas where she was part of two championship runs.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

STATE OF INDIANA  
COUNTY OF SWITZERLAND

SS: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY VEVAY, INDIANA

CAUSE NO: 78C01-2407-MF-000223

AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, LLC  
PLAINTIFF

vs  
JEFFREY BISSETT; CRISTIN BISSETT; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Switzerland Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 09/12/2024, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Switzerland County, in Switzerland County, Indiana, located at 405 Liberty St., Vevay, IN 47043 on March 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Switzerland County, Indiana, to-wit:

A part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 2 West located in Cotton Township of Switzerland County Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 2 West, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 2605.39 feet to the centerline of Red Hog Pike; thence along said centerline the following two courses; South 88 degrees 33 minutes 09 seconds East 236.92 feet; South 88 degrees 28 minutes 04 seconds East 106.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 05 degrees 15 minutes 32 seconds East 2592.27 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes 38 seconds East 641.10 feet to a corner post; thence North 01 degree 42 minutes 32 seconds East 1695.48 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 88 degrees 10 minutes 01 second West 568.0 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 05 degrees 44 minutes 59 seconds West 891.32 feet to the centerline of Red Hog Pike; thence along said centerline the following three courses: North 80 degrees 08 minutes 22 seconds West 105.64 feet to a P.K. Nail Set; North 83 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West 79.14 feet to a P.K. Nail set; North 88 degrees 28 minutes 04 seconds West 89.45 feet to the Point of Beginning. This tract contains 34.2822 acres. Excepting therefrom, a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 2 West of the first principal meridian located in Cotton Township of Switzerland County, Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin marking the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 2 West; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 38 seconds West with the South line of the Southeast Quarter for a distance of 1303.54 feet to a stone, the Point of Beginning; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 38 seconds West continuing with the same line 641.10 feet to an iron pin; thence North 05 degrees 15 minutes 32 seconds West with the Western line of 34.2822 acre parcel (Survey Record III, Page 234) for a distance of 1161.86 feet to an iron pin; thence North 81 degrees 51 minutes 00 seconds East severing said parcel 793.72 feet to an iron pin; thence South 01 degree 42 minutes 32 seconds West with the Western line of a 39.9640 acre parcel (Survey Record VII, Page 282) the full distance of 1281.32 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel contains 20.00 acres. Commonly known as: 14564 Red Hog Pike, Rising Sun, IN 47040

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This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled *An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith* (see Indiana Code).

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# Reliever Barlow signs with Reds

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Reliever Scott Barlow and the Cincinnati Reds agreed to a one-year contract that includes a club option for 2026.

Cincinnati announced the deal on Thursday. Right-hander Julian Aguilar, expected to miss the entire season while recovering from Tommy John surgery last October, was placed on the 60-day injured list.

Barlow has pitched in 365 big league games, all in relief, over the past seven seasons. He has

a 23-21 career record and 58 saves with a 3.49 ERA, and 461 strikeouts in 387 innings.

The 32-year-old right-hander was 3-3 with a 4.25 ERA in 63 appearances for Cleveland last season, when he struck out 68 batters in 55 innings before being released in mid-September. He began his


career with Kansas City in 2018, was traded to San Diego during the 2023 season and then dealt to the Guardians the following offseason.



# LEGAL NOTICE

**Public Notice**

The City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility has issued a draft Industrial permit to SuperATV, a manufacturer of aftermarket parts and accessories for ATVs and UTVs, regulated under Federal Categorical Guidelines for New Source Metal Finishing, 40 CFR 433.17(a) and the City of Madison Industrial Pretreatment Ordinance, located at 2753 Michigan Road, Madison, Indiana. This permit will be effective fifteen days from the date of this public notice and this public notice initiates the public comment period. A copy of the draft permit is available for review at the City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility located at 1213 West 1st Street Madison, Indiana. Comments on the SuperATV draft Permit must be received by March 1, 2025.



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**Divorce Announcement**

To whom this may concern, I, Vickie Roll, am publishing this notice to inform the public of my decision to divorce my husband, Wayne Roll. While personal in nature, this public notice is required by law as part of the legal process for my divorce proceedings. The reasons for this decision are deeply personal, but primarily stem from irreconcilable differences and a need for individual growth and well-being. After considerable reflection, I have chosen to move forward with my life independently. This notice serves both as a formal declaration of my intent and a fulfillment of legal requirements. I hope to find peace and clarity through this transition, and I ask for respect and understanding during this process. Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,  
Vickie Roll



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The City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility has issued a draft Industrial permit to ProCoat Products, LLC, a provider of acoustic ceiling and high-impact interior surfaces products, regulated under Federal Categorical Guidelines for Existing Source Electroplating under 40 CFR 413.14(b), Federal Categorical Guidelines for New Source Metal Finishing under 40 CFR 433.17(a), and the City of Madison Industrial Pretreatment Ordinance, located at 2514 Lanier Drive, Madison, Indiana. This permit will be effective fifteen days from the date of this public notice and this public notice initiates the public comment period. A copy of the draft permit is available for review at the City of Madison Water Pollution Control Facility located at 1213 West 1st Street Madison, Indiana. Comments on the ProCoat Products draft Permit must be received by March 1, 2025.



# LEGAL NOTICE

**Request for quotes for mowing**

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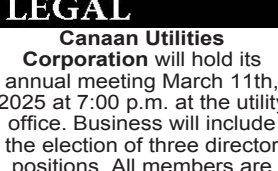
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**39C01-2501-EU-000006**

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In the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana. Pursuant to I.C. 29-1-7-7, notice is hereby given that Justin M. Sowers was on the 3rd day of February, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anthony Sowers, deceased, who died on the 31st day of December, 2024 and authorized to administer this estate without Court supervision and without posting bond. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 3rd day of February, 2025.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen  
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All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 7th day of February, 2025.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen  
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# LEGAL NOTICE

**Madison Township, Jefferson County, Indiana  
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	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2024	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2024
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State of Indiana  
SS:  
Jefferson County

I, Kevin S. Fry, Trustee of MADISON TOWNSHIP, Jefferson County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

Kevin S. Fry  
MADISON TOWNSHIP Trustee  
Telephone: 812-265-3217  
Date this report was to be published:  
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of MADISON TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 8th day of February, 2024.

Myron Eaglin  
Madison Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 8th day of February, 2024.  
Township Board:  
Myron M. Eaglin  
Patricia A. Wallace  
Marilyn R. Hutchinson



# Michigan State’s Izzo passes Knight for most Big Ten wins

**BY STEVE STEIN**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Michigan State’s Tom Izzo followed one of the most disappointing losses of his coaching career with a record-setting victory.

The No. 11 Spartans came from behind to beat Illinois 79-65 on Saturday night for Izzo’s 354th career Big Ten victory, breaking former Indiana coach Bob Knight’s record of 353 conference wins.

“What a win,” Izzo said. “You talk about the highest of highs and the lowest of lows.

“We disappointed so many people (Tuesday) when we lost to Indiana at home. It was one of the worst defeats of my career because of the way

we played. To pick ourselves off the ground after that loss and win in this environment after falling behind by 16 points (in the first half) was incredible.”

Izzo and Illinois coach Brad Underwood are friends who talk often and respect each other’s programs.

But that didn’t lessen the sting of losing to the Spartans for Underwood. Michigan State outscored the Illini 42-24 in the second half and finished the game with a 15-point run over the final 8 ½ minutes.

“It stinks,” he said.

Former Illinois star Terrence Shannon Jr., whose No. 1 jersey was raised to the rafters, mistakenly upside down, at the State Farm Center during a half-

time ceremony, went to the Michigan State locker room after the game to congratulate Izzo.

“That was really classy. I told Terrence if he hadn’t played here, I’d have done it a lot sooner,” Izzo said.

Illinois athletic director Josh Whitman later apologized for the snafu with Shannon’s jersey.

“Obviously a really regrettable moment. It’s a shame that it happened that way,” Whitman said after the game. “Of course, I didn’t hang the jersey, but I’m ultimately responsible for everything that happens in this building and ultimately that means that was on me tonight. We need to make sure that we understand that in life mistakes

happen, but there’s also certain moments where mistakes can’t help and tonight we stole that moment from Terrence and that’s on us and something that we have apologized to him for, apologized to his mom. We want to make sure we apologize to our fans and everyone who was excited to be a part of this experience tonight.”

Michigan State freshman Jase Richardson made the night extra special for Izzo by scoring 11 points.

Richardson is the son of former Michigan State star Jason Richardson, who was a key member of the Spartans’ 2000 NCAA championship team. Jase is the first son of a former player to play for Izzo.

Izzo tied Knight on Feb. 8 when Michigan State rallied in the second half to defeat Oregon 86-74.

The Spartans failed badly in their first attempt to get the milestone victory for their coach, losing 71-67 at home to Indiana and lame-duck coach Mike Woodson.

“We had an opportunity (Tuesday) for a special night,” Izzo said. “But the players didn’t play well, and the coaches didn’t coach well. That’s a bad combination against a team that’s desperate for a win.”

Izzo, who celebrated his 70th birthday on Jan. 30, is now 354-173 in Big Ten play in 30 seasons. He is 727-300 overall since replacing Jud Heathcote in 1995 after serving as

an assistant to Heathcote from 1983-95.

A 2016 inductee into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, Izzo has a record 26 straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight trips to the Final Four on his resume, which also includes 10 Big Ten regular-season titles and six Big Ten Tournament championships.

Last season, Izzo became the first Big Ten coach to win 700 games at the same school.

Knight, who died in 2023, was the coach at Indiana from 1971 until 2000, winning three NCAA Tournament championships.

“I’d give up the Big Ten wins record for two more NCAA Tournament championships,” Izzo said.

# Notre Dame women back atop AP poll for first time since 2019

**BY DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Notre Dame is the new No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 women’s basketball poll, ascending to the top spot Monday for the first time since 2019.

The Fighting Irish replaced UCLA, which lost its first game of the season last week, falling to rival USC, 71-60. Notre Dame was last No. 1 on Jan. 21, 2019.

“It’s definitely an honor to be the nation’s top team,

but we are just focused on getting better every day,” Notre Dame coach Niele Ivey said.

The Irish, who received 16 first-place votes from a 30-member national media panel, faced No. 11 Duke on Monday night.

Texas moved up to second for its best ranking since 2017. The Longhorns, who garnered eight first-place ballots, became the first team to beat three straight top 10 teams since

2004-05, according to ESPN, topping South Carolina, Kentucky and LSU.

The Bruins had been No. 1 for 12 straight weeks after beating South Carolina in late November. UCLA fell to third and received the other six first-place votes.

USC moved up to fourth and UConn was fifth after routing then-No. 4 South Carolina 87-58 on Sunday. The Gamecocks, who saw their 71-game home winning streak end, fell to sixth. LSU

and Ohio State were next.

North Carolina climbed up three spots to ninth for its highest ranking in three seasons after beating N.C. State 66-65 on Sunday. TCU was 10th.

**INS AND OUTS**

Illinois re-entered the poll this week at No. 25 after beating Penn State and Nebraska. The Illini spent the first few weeks of the season ranked. Florida State fell out after losing to Louis-

ville and edging Miami.

**FALLING WILDCATS**

It was a rough week for Kentucky. One week after earning its best ranking in a decade, Kentucky fell six spots to 14th. The Wildcats lost games to Ole Miss and Texas before beating Georgia.

**CONFERENCE BREAKDOWN**

The Southeastern Conference still reigns with seven

ranked teams. The Big Ten has six while the ACC and Big 12 each have five. The Big East has two.

**NCAA REVEAL**

With a month left to the start of the NCAA Tournament, the selection committee revealed the top 16 teams to that point Sunday. UCLA, South Carolina, Texas and Notre Dame were the one seeds. The reveal came before South Carolina’s loss.

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# James sits out All-Star Game to end 20-year streak of starts

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO — LeBron James wanted to play in yet another All-Star Game. His left foot and ankle didn't let him. The NBA's career scoring leader announced about 90 minutes before the start of the competition on Sunday that he couldn't play, citing ongoing injury issues. James has been included regularly on the Los Angeles Lakers' injury list this season because of his foot and ankle, which have given him trouble for years.

For the first time since 2004, the All-Star Game happened without James. "I hate that," James said.

James was to play for Shaq's OGs, the team drafted by Shaquille O'Neal for the All-Star competition in this year's new mini-tournament format. James' first All-Star Game was in 2005 and he's been a pick every year since, so Sunday's game would have been his 21st — extending his record. His 21 selections are another record, as is his now-snapped streak of 20 consecutive All-Star starts.

James was not replaced on his All-Star team's roster, meaning it was down to seven players — Golden State's Stephen

Curry, Dallas' Kyrie Irving, Boston teammates Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown, Phoenix's Kevin Durant, Milwaukee's Damian Lillard and the Los Angeles Clippers' James Harden. "I was hoping that it would feel a lot better this morning, but it's not where I want it to be," James said. "And with 30 games left and with us trying to make a playoff push in the wild, wild, West, I feel like it's very important for me to kind of take care of myself and understand what's coming on. "So, I won't say it's maintenance, but it is maintenance," he said. "At the same time, I have to look out for myself when it comes to this to this injury I've been dealing with for years."

James said he planned to return to Los Angeles on Sunday night, with rehab resuming on Monday. "No vacation for me," James said.

James' plan, for now, is to play when the Lakers start their post-All-Star slate Wednesday against Charlotte in a game that had to be rescheduled because of the wildfires that ravaged the Los Angeles area.

"I hope to be available on Wednesday," James said.

Even without playing Sunday, James — the league's oldest player, about two months removed from turning 40 — is still getting marveled about. James is averaging 24.3 points, which is the lowest scoring average at the break of any of his 21 All-Star seasons. That is not to suggest he is slowing down: He's averaging nine assists per game (the second-best pre-All-Star rate of his career), 7.7 rebounds and is shooting nearly 40% on 3-pointers. The only players averaging at least 24.3 points, 9 assists and 7.7 rebounds so far this season? James and Denver's Nikola Jokic.

"It's 21 All-Star games?

It's mind-boggling," Cleveland coach Kenny Atkinson said. "LeBron can go to 25 if he wanted to. He could. You know, we always joke amongst the coaches, every time you play LeBron, you get in LA and you say, 'This guy keeps getting better. How is this possible?' " James on the Lakers adding Luka The Lakers acquired Luka Doncic in a trade with Dallas earlier this month, and James says

he's still processing how the league's newest star duo will work. "Just the excitement of being able to add a caliber player like that, a generational talent like that to our franchise, it's something that's given me energy," James said. "I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do. ... As he continues to get in form, I think we could be really good going down the stretch. But we'll see what happens."

No regrets on dunk contest James was never part of the NBA's dunk contest and doesn't see that changing in the final years of his career. Some stars — Ja Morant, past dunk champion Zach LaVine and Giannis Antetokounmpo among them — said after Mac McClung's third straight dunk title on Saturday night that they may consider participating in the event. "There's no part of me that has regrets about not doing it," James said. "Obviously, I had a couple moments where I wanted to do it, and it just never worked out that way going into the following season, either because of injuries or I just wasn't up for it."

## Woods expects golf to recover after PGA-Saudi deal

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
AP GOLF WRITER

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods expects the fractured landscape of golf to "heal quickly" when the PGA Tour and the Saudi backers of rival LIV Golf reach an agreement that appears to be imminent. Woods is the only player on the PGA Tour board without term limits and has been active in negotiations between PGA Tour Enterprises and the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia. He was scheduled to join Commissioner Jay Monahan and Adam Scott for a Feb. 4 meeting with Presidents Donald Trump. Woods flew home to Florida when his mother died unexpectedly.

"I think that things are going to heal quickly," Woods said Sunday in the CBS booth at the Genesis Invitational, where he is the tournament host. "We're going to get this game going in the right direction," he said. "It's been heading in the wrong direction for a number of years and the fans want all of us to play together, all the top players playing together and we're going to make that happen."

He described the negotiations as being in a "very positive place right now." He also said another meeting was scheduled, though he did not say with whom. The transaction subcommittee involved in the PIF talks is scheduled to meet next week.

PIF, the financial muscle behind LIV Golf that has lured several top names away from the PGA Tour, is negotiating to be a minority investor. Monahan said there is more, that the negoti-

ations also include a way to unify the rival tours. "I think the only thing that really matters to fans and for the game is ultimately reunification," Monahan said Wednesday. "I think everything else falls out of that." How that unifications unfolds — and when — has not been made clear. LIV played its second tournament this week in Australia, which attracts its largest gallery. The new CEO of LIV, Scott O'Neil, said during the broadcast, "You don't have to look too far past our leaderboard to know that outside of the majors, if you want to see the best players in the world, there's only one place to see it, and that's at LIV."

Woods was back at Torrey Pines, a course where his eight wins as a pro includes the 2008 U.S. Open, for the first time in five years. He entered the tournament, only to withdraw Monday to process the death of his mother, Kultida.

He showed up Sunday to meet with his TGR LIV team that helped relocate the tournament from Riviera because of the wildfires, and to present the trophy to Ludvig Aberg. During his CBS booth visit, Woods referred to his mother as his rock, and shared tales of her driving him to junior tournaments, keeping score and not letting him play golf unless he finished his homework.

"She meant everything to me," Woods said. "Losing her has been a very hard and difficult process to go through."

He returns to some form of competition Tuesday with his Jupiter team in the indoor TGL in south Florida.

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3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	St.Denis	Night	Deal or No (N)		Irrational (N)		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS-N..	BigBa..	Sheldon	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	St.Denis	Night	Deal or No (N)		Irrational (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News	Heroes	Inside..	ET (N)	Vengeance	Vengeance Day 2025			News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Will Trent (N)		The Rookie (N)		High Potential		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Will Trent (N)		The Rookie (N)		High Potential		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Roots (N)		Great (N)		Frontline		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Nightmares (N)		Doc (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS-N..	Wheel	Jeopar..	FBI (N)		FBI: Int (N)		FBI-Wanted (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	Conners	Sheldon	BigBa..	Vengeance	Vengeance Day 2025			BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Nightmares (N)		Doc (N)		News (N) (Live)		News
A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Custo..	Custo..	Neighb..
AMC	29	26	(4:30) 77777 The	Departed ('06)			777777 Goodfellas ('90)	Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro.					7 Blow
COM	45	59	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..
DISC	31	38	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)				Moonshiners:		Harp..
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	ZOM..	ZOM..	Raven
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		TGL Golf				Basketball Kansas at BYU (N)				Sports..
FREE	18	40	777777 Finding Nemo ('03)	Albert Brooks.			777777 Coco ('17)	Anthony Gonzalez.					700Club
FX	40	28	(5:30) 7777 The Proposal ('09)				77777 Bad Teacher ('11)				7777 The Other Woman		
HBO	201	17	White		(:05) 7777 Goodrich ('24)				7 The Legend of Tarzan	(:50) White			
MAX	270	73	(5:50) 7777 Sherlock Holmes ('09)				77777 Brick Mansions		7 Cut Bank ('14)				Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		Elizabeth (N)		Cuomo (N)		On Balance (N)		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	7777 The Hangover Part II ('11)						7 Hangover Pa...
PARSHO	221	16	(5:10) 777777 Interstellar ('14)				Yellow "It Girl"		Yellowjackets		Dexter: Sin		Movie
TMC	233	74	Movie		7 First Shift ('24)		7777 The Yards	Mark Wahlberg.			77777 Transporter 3 ('08)		
TNT	27	43	(4:00) 7 America...	Unriva..	Unrivaled		(:45) Unrivaled Basketball				777777 American Sniper		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

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			6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10	10:30	11
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS-N..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Hollywood (N)		Price Is (N)		Raid-Cage (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Wild Cards (N)		Good Cop (P)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Shifting	Shifting	Jeopardy!		What Would		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Shifting	Abbott	Jeopardy!		What Would		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Nature (N)		NOVA (N)		Secrets (N)		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Masked (N)		The Floor (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS-N..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Hollywood (N)		Price Is (N)		Raid-Cage (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	Conners	Sheldon	BigBa..	Wild Cards (N)		Good Cop (P)		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Masked (N)		The Floor (N)		News (N) (Live)		News
A&E	28	36	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	Ozark Law (N)		PDCam
AMC	29	26	(5:00) 777 U.S. Marshals ('98)				7777 The Fugitive ('93)	Harrison Ford.					Movie
COM	45	59	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition X		Expedition X		Expedition (N)		Bigfoot (N)		Damned
DISN	25	29	Bluey	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	ZOM..	ZOM..	Raven
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		College Basketball				Basketball	Arkansas at Auburn (N)			Sports..
FREE	18	40	(5:45) 77777 Inside Out		(:50) 77777 Encanto ('21)		Stephanie Beatriz.		Scam God (N)				700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) 777 John Wick: Chapter 3 – Pa...				777 65 ('23)	Adam Driver.			777 65 ('23)		
HBO	201	17	(:20) 77777 Experimenter ('15)				White		(:05) 77777 A Different Man ('24)		White		
MAX	270	73	(:20) 77777 Confidence ('03)				777 Terminator Salvation ('09)		(:55) 777 War on Everyone				
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		Elizabeth (N)		Cuomo (N)		On Balance (N)		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	777 The Hangover Part III ('13)				7 21 Jump Street		
PARSHO	221	16	Movie		7 Daddy's Home 2 (P)		(:15) 777 Bad Moms ('16)				Yellow (N)		Yellow
TMC	233	74	(:15) 777 United States of Leland				777 Men, Women & Children				77777 Aftersun ('22)		
TNT	27	43	Supernatural		777 Black Adam ('22)	The Rock.			777 Justice League ('17)				
USA	26	33	Law-SVU "Hell"	Law-SVU			Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

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3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Law (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Found (N)		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBS-N..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Georgie	Ghosts	Matlock (N)		Elsbeth (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Law (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Found (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News	ZoneE..	Inside..	ET (N)	Police 24/7 (N)		Crime Nat (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Extreme (N)		Scamanda (SF)		Perfect (N) (F)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Extreme (N)		Scamanda (SF)		Perfect (N) (F)		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Antiques		Doc Martin		Father Brown		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Next Level (N)		Animal	Dutch	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS-N..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Georgie	Ghosts	Matlock (N)		Elsbeth (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	Conners	Sheldon	BigBa..	Police 24/7 (N)		Crime Nat (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Next Level (N)		Animal	Dutch	News (N) (Live)		News
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 (N)		Homicide (N)		Hunters (N)		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:00) 77777 The Fugitive ('93)				77777 Tombstone ('93) Val Kilmer, Kurt Russell.					7 Rock	
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Family..
DISC	31	38	Homestead "Hawaii-Five-No"				Homestead Rescue "Lone Wolf"				Homestead Rescue		
DISN	25	29	Bluey	Big City	Big City	Big City	7 Cloud 9 ('14)			Place	Place	Place	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		The Point (N)		4 Nations Championship: Teams TBA (N) (Live)						SportC..
FREE	18	40	77777 Cruella ('21) Emma Thompson, Emma Stone.				I Escaped (N)		Deadly Cults		700Club		
FX	40	28	(5:00) 77777 The Woman King				77777 Black Panther: Wakanda Forever ('22)						
HBO	201	17	(5:10) 7 Jackie		(:55) White		7 Waitress: The Musical ('23)					White	
MAX	270	73	(:55) 77777 A Most Wanted Man				77777 Gods of Egypt ('16)				(:05) 7 The Tree of Life		
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		Elizabeth (N)		Cuomo (N)		On Balance (N)		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	777777 Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81)				7 Indiana Jone..		
PARSHO	221	16	Movie		(:25) 7 Breathe ('24)		Yellow "It Girl"		Yellowjackets		77777 Suffragette ('15)		
TMC	233	74	7 Loneliest Boy in the W...				77777 The Running Man		(:45) 77777 Universal Soldier ('92)				
TNT	27	43	Movie		Tip-Off		NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball			
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		77777 White House Down ('13) Channing Tatum.					Movie	



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		1			6			
		7	5		1	4		
			9			8		
5				6			8	3
	1				2			
		3	7			5		2

## SUDOKU

**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

				2		4		
	1	2					7	
9		8	6	1				2
			6	8				
					5			
			4			9	3	
4							2	9
	2						1	8
				4		2		

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## HOROSCOPE

FEB. 18

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You shouldn't be surprised when you discover the truth about someone special. Don't listen to logic or look for reasons to say no but depend on your true inner feelings. Your instincts about people could be much better than you think.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Be cautious and aware about being too quick to spend your money. You might crave the finest things money can buy yet mistakenly equate price with value. There are other ways to demonstrate your love without always using money.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You might need more than logic or hard calculations, learn to look beyond the bottom line. Listen to your heart to find the fairest human solution and most beneficial compromises. There should be a way to make it work for everyone.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Be aware of wounded warriors who can drain your time and energy. Someone you know, perhaps even yourself, might be engaged in a worthless struggle. This battle might be fought without a clear goal, chasing after smoke, mirrors, and illusions.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Reconsider diving into a new investment or tempting relationship. Future revelations might alter your perspective. You could be so caught up and enamored with the concept of love that you're not selective enough in choosing an aligned partner.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A desire for power and success could be motivating factors. You are prepared to work hard to achieve your goals. Consider relying on the support of your closest companions and loved ones. Strangers may not understand your desires and goals.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You might feel the urge to juggle too many projects at once. Your eagerness to lead could unintentionally upset others who are critical of you with misplaced ambition. It could be helpful to remain diplomatic and stick to routine today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Don't allow things to distract you from your long-term goals. By putting in some effort in the right areas, you could discover ways to afford what's needed to attain your goals. Ensure your dreams are grounded and are, in fact, authentic to you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Leave a big tip when you feel can. You could leave a good impression on those who can suggest notable opportunities for you. The focus is on your career and gaining recognition, but you might encounter some competition.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Finding your balance may be challenging with all the competing demands on your time. Decide what's an absolute priority and do it first, then you can start adding things back in as time allows. A good companion is an asset.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You may be prepared to harness your ambitions and begin driving yourself towards achieving material success. Be passionate about what you want and be realistic about your limits. A strategic plan of action could seem to form on its own.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Your imagination might be operating in overdrive, but your ideas require refinement before they're ready for the spotlight. You may pay too much attention to social media. Acting without intention could lead to financial setbacks.

### Sudoku solution

2	6	9	8	1	7	4	3	5
4	7	9	2	5	3	6	1	8
3	8	1	6	9	4	2	7	5
5	1	8	4	7	2	6	9	3
9	3	4	1	2	5	7	8	6
6	7	2	9	3	8	1	5	4
1	5	6	7	4	2	8	9	3
4	2	7	3	8	9	5	6	1
8	9	3	5	6	1	4	2	7

### Jumble solution

BRING SNOWY LIQUID UNSURE  
When it comes to creating unique lodging establishments, she's —

### Sleuth solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55

## JUMBLE

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NIRGB
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Answer "here:"

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



## WORD SLEUTH

XCAXVSQOLJHECEA  
XVDRKTRPNLJHMLF  
P(LAYERLAYER)IILR  
ADYWBHASYLTXLAK  
GVDTETTDOTREYR  
EPAOIENOMMKYMPA  
PIYGPBKINLREIPD  
ADBSZPTWOAAXLAG  
GWTUETRIEPECEHN  
EEQTONLYBEJNIGO  
PFSDCAYS DIKKOOL

Monday's unlisted clue: PRESS  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: — AFTER TOUCHDOWN  
Bit bit Layer layer Mile mile Time time  
Calm dark Long dark One another Week week  
Day day Look kids Page page Year year  
Happy all Look pets Step step

## SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS	38 Hosp. hookups	2 Surprised greeting	23 "Certainly!"
1 Furnace fuel	39 Lincoln or Ford	3 "So be it"	24 Singer DiFranco
5 Arles buddy	40 Savory taste	4 Duration	25 Bam-boozle
8 Grouch	43 Winding	5 Photographer	26 "Help!"
12 Words said with a sigh	47 "The Jungle"	6 French "but"	27 Bit of advice
13 A Bobbsey twin	49 Haydn author	7 Hostel	28 Slugger's stat
14 Corridor	51 Joan nickname	8 "Quantum Healing"	29 Med. group
15 Subsequently	50 Essence	9 Hindu royal	31 ER workers
16 Small orchestra	52 Not that	10 Famed boxing family	34 Korean cabbage dish
18 Tennis category	53 Spanish ayes	11 Humdrum	35 Wicked
20 Like a gorilla	54 Salty expanse	12 Mythic goat-man	36 — Diego
21 Up to —	55 Phoenix cagers	13 Topsy	37 Blows one's top
22 "Ben- —"	DOWN	14 That fellow	39 About, date-wise
23 Marina boat	1 Felines	22 That fellow	40 Priority Mail org.
26 "My Way" singer			41 1003, in old Rome
30 Rock producer Brian			42 Pantry pests
31 Monk's title			43 Beget
32 "Big Blue"			44 Diamond Head locale
33 Tricky baseball pitches			45 — arms
36 Old photo tint			46 Back talk
			48 Remote batteries, often

Solution time: 22 mins.

S	N	N	S	V	E	S	I	S	I	S
S	I	H	I	C	R	V	H	I	I	D
V	d	V	d	H	I	V	L	O	N	I
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				H	Y	O	S	A	I	
V	I	P	E	S	S	H	E	K	N	I
W	B	I	V	N	I	S	I	H	O	V
				H	U	H	T	I		
H	S	I	d	V	S	E	L	O	N	I
V	I	N	O	I	N	E	N	E	H	
8	V	R	C	I	M	V	L	V	O	C

Today's solution

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13			14			
15					16			17			
18					19			20			
				21				22			
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30					31			32			
33				34	35			36	37		
				38				39			
40	41	42			43			44	45	46	
47					48			49			
50					51			52			
53					54			55			

## HOROSCOPE

FEB. 19

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Charm may get you through the door but it's the skills you bring to the table that keep you inside. Don't expect people to be satisfied with flashy surface-level accomplishments. They could care more about the value and substance you can provide.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** There may be a benefit to sticking to what you're familiar with. Maintain a firm grip on your values when faced with temptation. Your grounded demeanor could provide a secure haven for loved ones, ensuring that affection remains strong.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may be in a position to make significant decisions about the trajectory of your life and the goals you're seeking to undertake. Focus on what you want to accomplish. The ways you can make it happen once you choose, might become clear.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You might find yourself caught up in the excitement of love and romance. The enchantment you may feel could be masking some harsh realities. It could be unclear to others whether you're seeking love, lust, or just hoping for a lucky break.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Conflicting influences could make things complex. You might feel unfulfilled, craving romance and lavish settings. Your passion to succeed may help you achieve something really important if you buckle down and spend time on your goals.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Loyalty is more important than you realize. Social media users may be worried about making noise or making money; listen to your intuition for who to listen to and who to ignore. Be supportive and reinforcing towards a loved one's dreams.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Your romantic fantasies might not be satisfied: A new romantic encounter could fall short if you prioritize other things over the possibility of a relationship. Consider declining offers if you're seeking lasting love or success in purchases and business.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Wordsworth once said, "If it is to be, it's up to me." This could be an important reminder if you often find yourself lost in dreams or wishful thinking. To turn those dreams into reality, you need to take concrete steps in the real world.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Some people might not recognize what's so clearly obvious to you. Don't let them keep you away from the dreams you know to be possible. Do your best to iron out the details, create a plan of action, and show them how it's done.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Consider declaring your intention to embark on a flirtation mission. It may be harmless to ask friends to assist in your quest to meet someone new. You might find a group that aligns with your interests or a friend who unexpectedly becomes a partner.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Consider starting with just an understanding of something; no need to go all in and make a commitment. Your intense ambition might lead you to take on more than your share. There's may be a tendency to keep your desires and needs concealed from others.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** In moments of stress, you may not feel the support of your loved ones. However, their love and support may remain no matter how the world twists around you. Remember to reach out for support when you feel down.

### Sudoku solution

3	9	7	2	6	4	5	8	1
4	8	1	3	9	5	6	2	7
6	5	2	8	7	1	3	9	4
9	1	3	6	2	7	4	5	8
7	4	8	9	5	3	1	6	2
5	2	6	1	4	8	9	7	3
2	3	9	7	1	9	8	4	6
8	7	4	5	3	6	2	1	9
1	6	9	4	2	8	7	3	5

### Jumble solution

INEPT CABLE FORBID GRAVEL  
The grizzly came across as bossy, arrogant and — OVERBEARING

### Sleuth solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55

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Ans. here:

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

## WORD SLEUTH

CVSTPMJHEAKDOVB  
YVT(COWHAND)QOLIG  
DBYWTCITOBORRPM  
KIFDBYIOUWUSQYO  
MTKIFQYROEHTDEB  
ZXNWUUSMPQLIOKN  
LTNEMELENAPSJRH  
FDCAMYWNAVNLUIT  
SQPNLGTKTPIHAFTE  
CBZYWVVIUASHNMRQ  
PNMLJIHFJCFDEAD

Tuesday's unlisted clue: POINT  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: Thanksgiving Centerpiece  
Antique Element Panama Theory  
Apricot Figment Panel Torment  
Chair Island Robotic Vodka  
Cowhand Japan Sleuth

## SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS	28 Hose woes	2 United —	15 NFL measures
1 Indent key	30 Cagers' gp.	3 Pitcher's warmup area	19 Prefix for "night" or "morning"
4 "Spring ahead" hrs.	33 Figure skater's jump	4 Persian Gulf emirate	20 "That feels good!"
7 Mentor	36 Wild scuffles	5 Short-hand pro	21 Honey bunch?
8 Japanese bedroll	37 Unconventional	6 Legal wrong	22 More spiningling
10 Rock genre	38 Actor McDowall	7 Earth sci.	23 Type of dancer
11 European peninsula	39 Gratis	8 Bourbon buy	24 Spray down with water
13 1980 Lennon/Ono album	40 Airport screening org.	9 B vitamin	25 Suitable dish)
16 Mercedes-Benz models	41 Nourished	10 ER workers	26 Sucker
17 Barbecue site	DOWN	12 Carne — (Mexican)	28 Winter coaters
18 Scoundrel	1 Ballerinas' skirts	14 Lighten	29 "I — vacation!"
19 Netting			30 Famous
20 Helps			31 Drill
21 Parisian river			32 Chest-beating beast
23 Accra's country			34 Conspiracy
25 Dumbstruck			35 Entice
26 Milne bruin			
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# Auburn, Alabama, Florida headline SEC NCAA selection seeds

**BY AARON BEARD**  
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Auburn has spent the past month ranked as the nation's best team in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll. The committee that will choose the 68-team field for the NCAA Tournament is just as high on the Tigers.

And the Southeastern Conference, for that matter.

Auburn was the top overall seed in the committee's preliminary rankings unveiled Saturday, while Alabama and Florida joined as No. 1 regional seeds. They were the headliners for a league that had five of the top six seeds and six spots in the 16-seed unveiling with a month left until Selection Sunday.

Duke was the only interruption to the SEC's running name call at the top, claiming the No. 3 overall seed.

The Tigers have held the top spot in the AP Top 25

for five straight weeks, and in advanced metrics they rank No. 1 in KenPom; No. 2 for Bart Torvik; and No. 3 for Evan Miyakawa. They entered the weekend with a 13-2 record in Quadrant 1 games that headline a post-season resume; no other team had more than eight of those wins.

"Of all the voters in our group that were available to vote, they were the unanimous choice," committee chairman Bubba Cunningham said on the CBS unveiling broadcast. "So they are clearly our No. 1."

That impact trickled further down the bracket, too. Cunningham said five teams were seriously considered for top seeds. Ultimately Tennessee lost out, with Cunningham pointing to Florida's win over Auburn as the edge for the Gators.

Fittingly, the unveiling came hours before the Tigers visited their in-state rival Crimson Tide in an AP

1-vs-2 throwdown, the first of two regular-season meetings that could alter landing spots by March. Auburn won 94-85.

**THE SEEDS**

SEC member Texas A&M followed Tennessee as the No. 6 overall seed, followed by Purdue and Houston as regional 2-seeds. Iowa State was next at No. 9 overall, followed by Kentucky, Wisconsin and Arizona as regional 3-seeds.

Texas Tech, Michigan, preseason AP No. 1 Kansas and St. John's were 4-seeds to round out the top 16.

**THE REGIONAL PATHS**

Auburn is positioned to claim a close-to-home regional route by topping the South bracket in Atlanta, grouped with Texas A&M, Wisconsin and Texas Tech.

Alabama would head to the Midwest running through Indianapolis, followed by Purdue — which

would have a home-state advantage in that scenario — Iowa State and Kansas.

Duke led the East, followed by Tennessee, Arizona and St. John's — which would put Rick Pitino's surging Red Storm practically in its backyard in Newark, New Jersey.

Meanwhile, with Arizona as the only top-16 seed west of Texas, Florida headlined the West bracket running through San Francisco. The Gators were joined by Houston, Kentucky and Michigan.

Of those groups, Cunningham said the committee made one adjustment to balance bracket strength by swapping the destinations for Michigan and St. John's.

Regional winners go to San Antonio for the Final Four, with the national semifinals set for April 5 and the title game two nights later in the Alamodome.

**WAIT LIST**

Cunningham said AP No.

11 Michigan State and No. 18 Marquette are "right there" for consideration of the teams just outside the top 16.

**RANKINGS VARIATIONS**

Of the top-16 seeds, the AP Top 25, KenPom, Torvik, Miyakawa and NCAA's NET rankings agreed on 11. The outliers were Kentucky, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas and St. John's, with the Wolverines outside the top 16 in all five as of midday Saturday and the Wildcats in three.

Another outlier was Texas A&M, though in the other direction. The Aggies were seeded sixth overall and stand at eighth in the AP Top 25 but rank anywhere from 12th to 16th in KenPom, Torvik, Miyakawa and the NET.

**MOVEMENT?**

Saturday's reveal is little more than a snapshot of where things stand, but

teams listed above the cut-line for a top-four regional seed generally stay there.

Since the first seed-reveal show in 2017, 94 of 112 teams (83.9%) have remained as top-16 seeds; that data from the NCAA excludes 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the cancellation of that year's tournament.

Additionally 22 of 28 teams with a 1-seed ended up on a top line.

**RIVALRY MATTERS**

Cunningham, North Carolina's athletic director, offered a moment of levity when he just couldn't bring himself to say rival Duke's lofty perch during the announcement.

"I can't do it," Cunningham quipped as he passed the card to chuckling CBS announcer Adam Zucker to read, adding with a laugh: "I would love to say something good about them, but I can't."

# Gordon ready to partner with Tom Cruise on 'Days of Thunder' sequel

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Help him, Tom Cruise! NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon wants a "Days of Thunder" sequel and said at Daytona International Speedway that he's been in touch with the Hollywood actor about making the project come to life.

"I've absolutely talked to Tom about it because I want him to do the project," Gordon said. "We want to be a part of it if it were to happen."

The Hollywood Reporter reported in November that Cruise had talked to Paramount about a follow-up

to his 1990 NASCAR racing film. The original was a critically panned summer blockbuster that was largely lampooned throughout the NASCAR industry for its exaggeration and overindulgence.

Over the decades, the film has since become a cult favorite in NASCAR circles and is still quoted by race fans to this day.

"Rubbin', son, is racin'," lives on, the immortal line from crew chief Harry Hogge, played by Robert Duvall.

Riding high from his "Top Gun" fame, Cruise had an idea for a movie based on fast cars and the characters

who raced them. And so began the making of "Days of Thunder."

Gordon could inspired have Cruise's Cole Trickle back in the day, though the character was loosely based on the late Tim Richmond. Gordon, now vice chairman at Hendrick Motorsports, won the Daytona 500 on Sunday with team owner Rick Hendrick and driver William Byron. Gordon and Cruise have remained friendly — Cruise showed up at a 2015 NASCAR banquet to honor the retiring Gordon — which could boost the prospect of Gordon and Hendrick Motorsports'

involvement in a sequel.

"He seems to like to tease it, so I don't know," Gordon said Sunday night. "We'll see what happens. If that doesn't happen, I feel pretty confident there's a project out there that will get NASCAR back on the big screen, if not just a really cool docu-series or something beyond even what we're already seeing right now."

The movie ultimately introduced NASCAR to a wider audience that had very limited exposure to stock-car racing before that summer. There had been racing movies before — think "Thunder Road," "Grand Prix," "Stroker

Ace," or even "Smokey and the Bandit" — but none that had depicted NASCAR in such a mainstream style.

"Hard to imagine how you pull that off today because they actually had race cars with cameras in the race, and the cameras were big," Gordon said. "Cameras have gotten a lot smaller so maybe you could pull it off, but how do you do it and make it realistic and really authentic?"

NASCAR has seen more swings and misses than checkered flags when it comes to its portrayal on the big or small screen since "Days of Thunder." For

every "Talladega Nights," there are 10 more bombs such as comedian Kevin James' ill-fated Netflix's comedy series, "The Crew." Gordon said he was encouraged that better days are ahead for NASCAR in the entertainment industry.

"I am seeing just a lot more momentum in projects like coming through NASCAR and coming to Hendrick Motorsports and just more interest," he said. "So that's good, right? It talks a lot about where the sport is at, where it's heading, the amazing crowd that was here all weekend, not just today, new TV partners."

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